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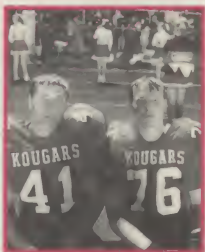
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Kougar Pride

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Enrollment: 971

Students through hard work
And Dedication Produce

Memories that last a lifetime

Kougar Pride

As the doors opened to a new school year, 971 students entered the building. Shining floors and glistening windows that had stood dormant over the summer were soon dirty with the dust from students tennis shoes and the congestion of backpacks that quickly filled the empty halls.

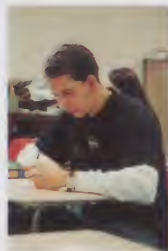
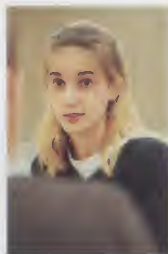
With the increase of the student population due to the building of new subdivisions in the area, students faced an increase in student drivers. At school registration, the student parking lot was completely filled by the last day of registration and many students had to be put on a waiting list for a parking space.

New faces included Ms. Loni Dorall, who replaced retiring Vice-Principal Dr. Jack Ford. English teacher Mrs. Eckert left for maternity leave and was replaced by Mrs. Kaminski, school guidance counselor Mrs. Green replaced Mr. Hughes, and Mrs. Peele took over for Mr. Osburn in English.

Early in the school year a tragedy hit the community the day after Labor day, when middle school Vice-Principal Mr. Roland Martin died as a result of a stroke. His funeral service was held in the high school gymnasium on September 6.

As life went on, a majority of the student population showed their school spirit at Powder Puff on September 11, and Homecoming on September 12. Couples decided to enjoy the annual Sunshine dance entitled "Mardi Gras" on December 12.

Needing a change in their daily routines some Seniors resolved to go to college, take health occupational classes, or do trade work around the community. With their participation and dedication in all of these events, the students and faculty showed that it was indeed **all in the K**.



Picture 1: During government class Senior Amice Misch talks with fellow classmate Dan Nannenga about the topic they discussed earlier in class.

Picture 2: Making the most of his limited time, Senior Kevin Getz works on some homework. For many Seniors class time was the only time they had to finish up extra work.

Picture 3: After making a strong finish at the cross country meet Ryan Koslovsky takes a much needed break.

Picture 4: Taking a break during the student staff breakfast on December 19, Rudy Mance talks to a few of his many friends.



Performing at the Touch Of Dutch parade, Juniors Nick Boersma and Jennifer Berry work together to stay in Rhythm.



Friendship is an important part of school life for many students. Sophomores Lindsey Pendergrass, Danielle Murray, and Angie Ferguson proved this as they took a break during club pictures.

Hard work and dedication was an important part of picture retakes, Sophomore Monique Grevenstuk demonstrates this as she organizes some forms in order for pictures to come back in order.



During ceramics class, Kristi Kamminga proudly displays her ceramic house. Creating ceramic houses was one of the many projects completed by the art classes.

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Students devotion
To school and help from
The community establish
togetherness

As the year progressed, many things happened for the student body and the faculty. The band was ranked as number one in the class B category as of regionals. They also competed for the first time in school's history in The Bands of America competition in St. Louis. They placed 20 out of 28 bands. Due to the school's band director's absence for much of the second quarter, band members had to quickly adjust. Senior John Bell, a second year drum major, and the school principal Mr. Apple filled in as directors.

Continuing to prove high academic standards Senior Becky Fox was chosen as a semifinalist for the National Merit scholarship, and Susan Hinde was chosen as a commended student for the National Merit scholarship. Speech team placed eighth out of 22 schools in their home meet entitled "Let's Talk Turkey".

In October, the adjoining middle school was found to have Caliform bacteria in their water. It was forced to have all water shut off and import bottled water for the schools population. Water was not turned on until a new well was dug second semester.

School board acquired property from Mrs. Myers north of the school corporation office on St. Rd. 10. The new property is the site of a new school for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. Current plans were to change elementary to k through third, and junior high to seventh through ninth. The high school would then be tenth through twelfth.

Hot community topics included the burning of toxic chemicals at the local NIPSCO plant in Wheatfield and local protesters of NIPSCO and SCROD (South County Residents Opposed the Dump). These burns contained toxic waste that was brought from 524 plants around the state.

The idea of moving the Newton county boundaries was met with great opposition and defeated in October. By pulling together in the things in which they believed the students and faculty had proved that with togetherness it was *all in the K*.



Picture 1: Supporting the home team, Seniors Mark Lagastee, Kristi Swart, and Rosie Kamminga, watch the Homecoming football game.

Picture 2: Looking for their names on the list, Nicole Haberlin, Tiffany Lauraitis, and Rachael Hamstra pick up their cheese and sausage orders.

Picture 3: Keeping the crowd's spirits up, Varsity cheerleader Heidi Huckabay performs some routines to help root the team onto a victory.

Picture 4: Playing Santa for the student staff breakfast, Senior President Tom Barr talks to fellow student about their plans for Christmas break.



Waiting in line to register for school, Ryan Stann talks with fellow classmate Chris Lukasik while he plays cards with a younger student.

Getting ready for his turn, Sophomore Bill Wisdom, waits to spit his seeds into the pumpkin during the pumpkin seed spitting contest held by Student Council the last day before fall break.

Taking a few moments before the game football players, Tim Coffey, Tom Hobson, Jeremy Croll, Sean Corbett, Ron Carter, Jeremy Wireman, and Brandon Caldanaro, link hands in prayer.



Performing during a school football game, Marla Gluth, Samantha Delvecchio, Jim Shinn, Matt Kovach, Sarah Acuncius, Adam Logan, Dawn Veld, Keith Jolink, and Krista Cook give a presentation of the acclaimed "Sea's of Blue" tour.

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Student and Staff

Accomplishments prove

Each others

education

Students were the ones who brought the spirit into the school and helped create high academic and sports standards. Without their participation in activities; school would be like any other school across the country, just a bunch of teenagers getting an education.

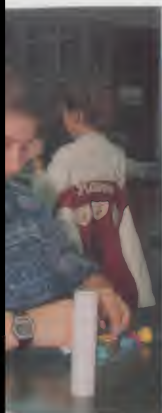
With the faculty's help and dedication as Club sponsors, coaches and mentors, a unique atmosphere was created where the students learned. This made KV a truly great place to go to school. The first Gateway test was taken by the class of 2000. KV did better than the state average at 64% success. English phase experienced an 87% success, and the math phase had a success rate of 74%.

As the second semester came, displaced students adjusted themselves to their classes and teachers created new situations. For the Senior class this meant four more months until Graduation when their lives would be changed forever. With the coming of second semester came new opportunities to get involved in school activities, including Prom, Wednesday prayer meetings, spring sports, and for many the anticipation of spring break, where the students and staff alike got a much needed break on March 20-29.

The school also earned a much needed grant and an improvement loan. One was the Indiana School Improvement Program (ISAIP). The planning phase was \$1,800 with an annual follow up of \$20,000. The other was an improvement loan which gave money to the school for high ISTEP scores and other areas. The school also was ready to initiate the school to work program, which would allow students to go to different places of business and experience what that type of work was like. One thing was consistent though, the students and staff's goals and ambitions to better their lives showed that it was *all in the K*.



Picture 1: Looking at the options available at the student staff breakfast. Brandon Cutlip decides what he is going to have.
Picture 2: Appearing as Count Gregor, Dustin Schoonveld continued his dramatic expertise in the play "Fools".
Picture 3: Finishing up her run at the McCutcheon meet, Tracy Opolski attempts to place well.
Picture 4: Getting ready for the annual Sunshine dance, Danielle Murray, looks for places to hang the balloons.



Creating beads at the bead workshop, Jen Thompson makes the clay that she is using into perfect molds.

Enjoying ice cream, Laura Norris, Jenny Kikkert, and Helen Hicks bond as FFA members.

Taking a picture after she was presented with the Junior Miss title, Jennifer Trock poses with her little sister Jen Spurgeon.



Finishing up at the KV cross country invite, Jennifer Norman makes a strong finish.



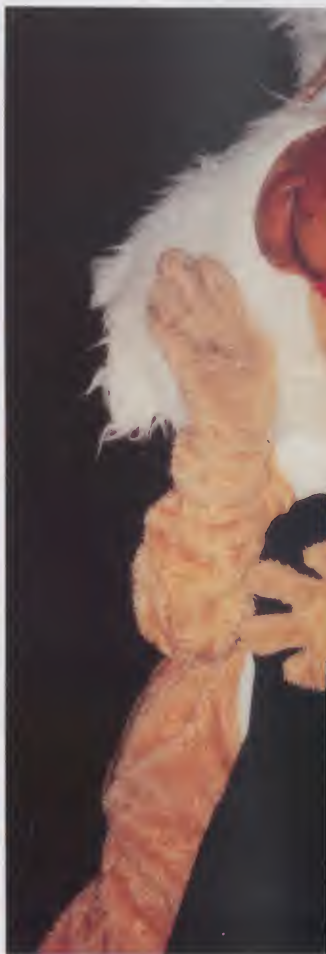
Resting before the Homecoming parade, Senior Sarah Opolski gets ready to get onto the BPOA float.



Supporting the home team during the Homecoming game, Junior Chris Lukasik cheers on the Kougars to victory.



Creating a memory for themselves, Mick Snyder, Racheal Hamstra, Marissa Green, Jenn DeYoung, Matt Spurgeon, Chad VanRiessen, Alicia VanKley, Chad Nally, Tracy Opolski, Emily Bristol, Greg Schiavone, and Jake Schoon pose for a group picture at the annual Sunshine dance.



Getting a hug from the Kougars, Senior John Bell receives a congratulations on a performance well done with the band.



Kougars

Bring change into the school

Activities played an important role in students' lives. They were involved in many tasks, from protesting the burning of toxic waste at the local power plant NIPSCO, to the picketing of SCROD (South County Residents Opposing the Dump) a landfill that would be built near the community. Environmental Action club members cleaned up highway 10 in front of the school, and continued their paper and can recycling program.

Student Council did many activities to help make the school a better place. In the beginning of the year, the club went out and cleaned the court yards around the school. They held a pumpkin seed spitting contest. During lunch students tried to spit seeds into a pumpkin for prizes. A food drive the week before Thanksgiving, and a turkey bowling contest rounded out November activities. Student Council continued with the tradition of a miracle tree for children of the community. Many of the fourth hour classes hosted a child or even children. Before Christmas break Student Council went out and caroled in the nursing homes and around the community. They also hosted a blood drive on January 23.

Other clubs that did many activities around the school included the National Honor Society who went out and caroled. Mr. Hoover's classes held a food drive around Christmas and for every box that the students filled Mr. Hoover went out and bought a turkey. Mr. Lewis's classes collected items for the crisis center before Christmas.

With the help of the students and staff these types of programs made the high school a benefit for the school and community both by showing it's **all in the K.**

Racing Rush



Many students raced motorcycles, dragsters, and go-carts on the weekends. Racing was also very costly both financially and physically costly. Injuries occur often in these sports. In order to race, the competitor had to be fearless. Being so dangerous is what made it so exhilarating, and was probably the reason why most people did them. "I race because it is exciting and challenging," commented Nick Allen.

Some of the associations students belonged to were: Motocross; the NHRA (National Hot Rod Association) Jr. Drag Racing League, and the WKA (World Karting Association). Michael Zylstra and Jimmy Johnson were involved in the Motocross Association. Jake Prairie and Nick Allen were involved in the WKA. Mick Snyder was in the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League.

Motocross was a fast-paced, adrenaline rushing, fearless sport, which is a race with dirtbikes. The track consisted of jumps and turns. The NHRA Jr. Drag Racing league gave youth an opportunity to drive the models that Pros drive. The WKA, Go-Kart racing, was a fast pace exhilarating sport. Mick Snyder said, "I plan on racing until I die, because I love this sport more than any other sport."



"I like racing motocross because the track is very hard to ride and you are always going fast. The best part of motocross is the speed, being on the edge all of the time, and the competition." Michael Zylstra, Freshman

UP CLOSE

"I think motocross is a great physical and mental sport. It is very rewarding and fun. I respect anyone that would like to try the sport, and it is a great sport to be in." Jimmy Johnson, sophomore.



Holding the checkered flag, Nick Allen is proud of his victory.

Feeling the rush, Mick Snyder races at Bristol's dragway.

In the air, Michael Zylatra feels the rush of racing.





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Wanting the win, Jake Prairie strives for the finish.



Going strong, Michael Zylstra races on a straightaway.



Fortunate to have no injuries, Nick Allen gets caught in a wreck with an opponent.

Beating the competitor, Jimmy Johnson completes the turn.

HOMECOMING '98, ACTIVITIES SPARK SPIRIT



Every color of green was seen on the morning of September 8 as the students walked down the decorated hallways to their first period ready to start out their week with spirit.

During fourth hour, fun and silly games put on by Student Council were played mostly just for laughter. The games played were the plunger relay on scooters, Chubby Bunny, the toilet paper race, and the whip cream pie with jelly beans. Another fourth hour Homecoming activity was the collection of toys for Student Council. Gently used and new

toys found new homes through the foresight of Mrs. Carey. Mrs. Harley's class brought in the most toys and was supplied with a class pizza party. The toys went to "Granny's Kids" in Starke County. "At first, I thought we had collected all of these toys for nothing - we couldn't find anyone to give them to. Finally, the lady from Granny's Kids contacted me," Mrs. Carey said.

The town was decorated and all was ready for Friday night's game. The votes were being counted for Homecoming Queen, the cheerleaders were practicing

their cheers and the football players were anxious about their game.

To add even more spirit, Student Council created spirit bucks. In order to go to the pep session, a student had to have three bucks given to him/her by a teacher, Student Council member, or cheerleader. In order to receive one, a teen had to either help decorate or dress up. Also at the pep session, Mr. McDowell, the head football coach, had to kiss a goat because the students earned \$75, which was the deal. Seniors won Best Hallway and juniors won the Lip Sync contest and the Spirit Stick.



educating the community on the importance of recycling, senior Angie Ketchum, junior Sue Hlyn Jones and Mrs. Prochno march for the environment.

Enjoying Homecoming festivities, Amanda Sipkema, Ann Vander Molen, and Jan Hamstra await the crowning.

When it comes to a seat, the fence is the best at a sellout crowd.

Far right: Donating stuffed animals earned spirit points. Getting involved in RHA point total was Sarah Opolaki, Stacie Zeileaga, Kristi Swart, and Jill Hamstra.





Front row: Junior representatives: Eric Banks, Mina Fritze. Freshman representatives: Stephanie DeKock, Phil Winter. Sophomore representatives: Jenn DeYoung, Chad Van Riessen.

Back row: Senior court: Scott Altman, Jamie Lonsberry, Erik Cornet, Kati Abbring, Mike Kroowsysk, Steph Soto (1996 Queen), Kyle Hamstra, Jen Trock (1997 Queen), Mike Bozell, Jen Wians.



Kate Abbring and Erik Cornet



Jamie Lonsberry and Scott Altman



Jen Wians and Mike Bozell

SENIOR PRINCESS COURT AND ESCORTS

HOMECOMING '98, WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

KV was a jungle when the Homecoming game against the North Newton Spartans began on September 12 at 7:00 p.m. KV scored its first points on a 31 yard



touchdown by junior Justin Carden midway through the first quarter. By the end of the first quarter, the Kougars

were in the lead 6-0. During the second quarter, the Kougars played good defense and would not allow the Spartans to score. Senior Lance Culp had a 17 yard run for another touchdown, and by the end of the quarter, the score was a soaring 33-0.

Halftime brought many smiles among the crowd when the Homecoming Queen Candidates and their escorts came cruising onto the track in their nice-looking convertibles. The girls were driven around the track to the 50 yard line, where they exited the convertibles. Each candidate and her escort walked up the field while the announcer told a little about each person. Junior representative, Wilhemina Fritze was a Homecoming candidate for her third consecutive year.

Tension grew as each girl lined up along the track

and waited for the results. Jennifer Trock heard her name over the intercom and could not believe that she had just been crowned Homecoming Queen. She commented, "Being crowned Homecoming Queen was a real surprise. I feel very proud and honored to represent my senior class and would like to thank them for a night I'll never forget."

After the exciting moment of the crowning of the new queen, the third quarter of the game started. KV stayed strong through the last half and ended the game with a win. Spartans scored 18 points during the fourth quarter, in hopes to claim victory, but the Kougars played hard and won the game 46-18. After the game, the KV marching band took over the field and performed "Seas of Blue," which was their theme.

By selling pom poms, Mrs. Steiner and Spirit Club members, Martina Plopper, Jesse Talley, and Tricia Stubbfield raise funds for activities.

At the end of the game, Susan Hinde and Jason Sonntag play "Seas of Blue" for the remaining crowd.

Above left: Huddling with the Kougars, Danielle Murray protects herself from the chilly September night air.





Joining Student Council and Cheerleaders, Jennifer Trock, Martina Plopper, and Laura Norris paint the town windows for Homecoming.

As the team huddles during a timeout, assistant coach Bill Pete gives the players some advice.

Mr. Apple crowns Jennifer Trock the new Homecoming Queen.

POWDER PUFF '98, FEATURES JUNIOR WIN

Busy coaches, skipped practices, and cancelled scrimmages led seniors to be defeated by juniors, whose schedule was a full two weeks of practice. Captains for the class of '98 were Jamie Lonsberry and

Lisa Groet. 1999's captains were Kelly Stamper, Summer Johnson, and Ann VanderMolen, whose initials made up the team's motto KSA.

The game ended in sadness for the seniors, the score 32-12, and never

having a chance to the glory of victory. "After I realized we had won the game, I felt very privileged to be part of such an amazing team! Our team was fantastic," Summer Johnson, junior captain.

Senior Stacy

Zeilenga commented reluctantly, "First I got mad (because of the loss), then I got over it. I knew there was no point in staying mad because it was just a game. Overall, I had a good time." Juniors last won in 1992.

In disappointment of the loss Seniors huddle around Coach Disney. Liz King intently listens to his words of encouragement and wisdom.

Taking a break during a time out, Alicia Wright tries to quench her thirst.



Front row: Tonya Nuss, Julie Forbes, Escarlen DeVries, Karin Sutton. Row 2: Heidi Bricker, Chrissy Rogers, Holly Estill, Anna Arambula, Leah Martin, Jen Hayes, Tiffany Yenches, Angela Carr, Jamie Van Wienen, Missy Will. Row 3: Jill Garvey, Junelle Cox, Sarah Eireman, Tonya Fulkerson, Tricia Cusack, Laura Norris, Jamie Lonsberry, Amy Schuldt, Bridget Scott, Shannon Hancock, Martina Plopper, Sara Kriescher, Helen Hicks, Jennifer Trock, Leah Scharp. Row 4: Miss Boos, Angie Ketchum, Tiffany Foresta, Nicole Zylstra, Elizabeth Strong, Danielle McMunn, Amanda Beverly, Stephanie Evans, Kyleene Kramer, Lisa Groet, Aimee Misch, Jerilyn Sherman, Rachel Woods, Jen Musch, Stacie Zeilenga. Back row: Kristi Cambe, Janet Boon, Jen Kikkert, Jennifer Sietsma, Kati Abbring, Kristi Swart, Rosie Kamminga, Jen Cutlip, Susan Hinde, Elizabeth King, Samantha DelVecchio, Mr. Disney.





During halftime, Defensive Coach Ms. Boos explains how to keep their faith.

Juniors Kimmy Woods, Cathy Veden, Summer Johnson, Kelly Stamper, Stefanie Woudema, and Tracy Robbins pose for a quick victory moment.



Front row: Dawn Patrick, Angie Ferguson, Stefanie Woudema, Angela Thomas, Lauren Novac, Sue Ellyn Jones, Cathy Veden, Shannon DeVries, Tina Bakker, Shelly Myers, Tracy Robbins, Kimmy Woods, Amber VanKley, Vicky Coffey, Sundae Kubacki, Flavia Lette, Leslie Anderson. Row 2: Luz Arambula, Kristi Kamminga, Nicole Stotts, Shannon Zeese, Cheryl Simmons, Becky Schriener, Mindy Spenner, Melissa Miranda, Mina Fritze, Jennifer Spurgeon, Tracy Carr, Amanda Sipkema, Julie Waddle, Amanda Mullins, Michelle Yokovich. Back Row: Brandi Spaulding, Noelle Wiltfang, Shirley Clark, Jill Hamstra, Mandy Dinga, Shavonne Abbring, Ann VanderMolen, Alicia Wright, Melissa Cates, Kelly Stamper, Crystal Mance, Amanda Wilkins, Melissa Nommensen, Sara King, Amanda King, Mary Sterk, Summer Johnson, Mr. Price.



White Out Nets Five Days Out

Working diligently, Principal Apple organizes the schedule for the seniors to make up the snow days.



The weather crisis brought out the helpful spirit of the community. Everyone pitched in to help others in need. "My neighbor was using their stove top to heat the house. It wasn't really warm in their house, so my family and I invited them to our house," commented freshman Jodi VanderWoude.

"I think the storm showed people's true compassion to one another and sharing to those in need," added sophomore Sarah Kennedy.

The storm hit early Monday, March 9 leaving eight inches of snow behind and leaving thousands of residents powerless for five days. It was forecast that Northwest Indiana would only receive two inches. Due to the harsh weather, downed power lines and pipes

that burst, students and staff were out of school for five days. These days were made up May 29 and June 1 - 4. In order to graduate on time, seniors went to school on April 10 and May 25 as well as two Saturdays in May.

Residents spent about five days without power, heat or water. In order to keep busy, sophomore Jim VanBlaircom said, "My family and I played board games and visited with our neighbors."

Some were not too lucky and had no source of heat or food. "I took my relatives food and water on my snowmobile because we had a generator," said Sophomore Tom Sharrits. Businesses were darkened and Tysen's Family Grocery Store used hand held calculators and flashlights to keep the business open for customers.



Candlelight is the source of light for the five days without power.

Riding out the storm, sophomore Bridget Barrera has some fun sledding.

Far right: Traveling during the storm wasn't so easy.





Despite the harsh coldness of the snow, it still brought beauty to the area.

Helping others out during the storm, sophomore Sarah Kennedy fills up buckets of water for neighbors.



Dancing The Night Away

Rachel Woods and Chris Harper.



Dancing the night away was the focus for the Sunshine Dance on Dec. 12. In accord with this national party holiday, members celebrated with music, food, and fun. The main course was chicken. Mardi Gras was the theme, so the decorations were done accordingly in blues, greens, and purples. Dresses varied from bright, vibrant colors to light, soft shades.

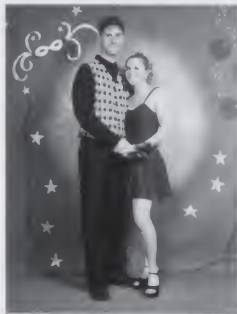
The 207 couples ate dinner before they started to dance. Senior President Jen Wians said, "It was fun being involved in Sunshine, as the president, it gave me a chance to communicate with others and to come to a common goal, 'the dance.'"

"The best thing about the Sunshine Dance was that we were able to hang out with our friends and just be ourselves. The worst

part was that it ended way too early," said sophomore Sandy Koselke.

Sophomore Sarah Kennedy exclaimed, "The best thing about that night was that we got our pictures as soon as we got there. I also had fun and danced the whole time with all my friends."

In order to attend the dance, one had to be a Sunshine member, sell cheese and sausage, and agree to complete three service projects. Some of them included baking cakes for teachers, baby-sitting, and attending a car wash. The cost of tickets varied, since they had a discount for selling a certain amount of items. The most the tickets could cost was \$32.00.



Eric Devries and Nicole Stotts.

Above right: Dancing to tunes are freshmen Kim Getz, Sam McGee, Mindy Jonkman, and Bekah Valenkamph.

Jillian Barrera and Jeremy Fitzpatrick.

Far right: Helping to create a Mardi Gras atmosphere, Angie Ferguson and Jill Peterson swing throughout the crowd on the packed dance floor.





Participating in the Sunshine Dance, members Stacy Recker and Jen Baird join President Jen Wians in their salute to Sunshine memories on Dec. 12.

Awaiting the evening's festivities, Jeff Boer, Kristen Kruchowski, Jen Spurgeon and Kevin Getz catch one more pre-dance photo at home.



Happiness fills Tim Coffey's eyes after he is pronounced King. Escort Summer Johnson applauds the selection.



"An Evening Under the Stars"

"My Heart Will Go On," theme song from *Titanic* sung by Celine Dion was the Prom's theme on May 1. "Everyone and everything looked so cool and different from every day normal life. It was overall great," said Chrissy Thomason.

Elegance, beauty and class were in evidence at Strongbrows in Valparaiso. Doors opened at 6:30 p.m. and closed at midnight, dinner was at 8. At 10:30 the prom goers were allowed to check out. Glasses and key chains were available. Decorations were gold, black and silver. Gold star balloons were attached to chairs and hung from the ceiling. Candles floating in bowls on the tables, and gold confetti completed the decor. At 8:00 p.m. guests enjoyed ravioli, chicken, and salad.

The 338 students who voted for the Royal Court selected Jen Wians as queen. "Being crowned Prom Queen and having a great time with my friends—Dancing the night away!" was how Wians summarized the night. King was Tim Coffey. "To me it's special because I have never won anything like this before," said Coffey. Prince was Ryan Stan. "It was exciting, and I feel it has developed my level of Maturity," commented Stan. Princess was Jen Baird, who said "It was really nice".

Inman's \$15 Post Prom began at 12:15 a.m. and ended at 3:15. Door prizes of \$15 or more were given out. Top prize was a 19" color TV won by Kyle Hamstra. "Inman's was a blast," said Kim Woods.



Smiling, Jen Baird and the Prince Ryan Stan, react to the announcement of being crowned Princess and Prince.

Taking time out from dancing, Sal Marinenz and Jill Garvey create a moment on film during this special evening for Sal.

After eating, Sara King and Jen Brasel create numerous memories with tablemates.

Remembering the great time they had together are Jen Baird, Stacy Recker, Mina Fritze, Melissa Miranda, Jen Spurgeon, Namoi Howard, Michelle Yokovich, Katie Rohder, and Kelly Stamper.





Getting their picture taken, Josh Fernandez and Becky Fox join 338 classmates who recorded the evening on Wahlberg film.

Wanting to dance, Emily Prange and Ryan Myers edge onto Strongbow's crowded dance floor.



Enjoying the music, Luz Arambula remembers "My Heart Will Go On" the Prom's theme from Titanic, the years number one movie.



Excitement gathers as the Court waits for the announcement of the Queen, Jen Wians.

Marine Corps Awards

Semper Fidelis Awards for Musical Excellence

Susan M. Hinde
John A. Bell

Distinguished Athlete Awards

Alesha J. Studer
Thomas R. Swafford

Scholastic Excellence Awards

Laura A. Norris
John M. Jungels

Calvin College Faculty Honors Scholarship

Jeffrey Boer

Roland Martin Scholarships

Jamie VanWienen
Cameron D. Bales

Daughters Of The American Revolution

Good Citizen Certificate

Elizabeth King

WRIN/WLQI Student Of The Week

John Bell, Teresa Carr, Lance Culp,
Lisa Groot, Helen Hicks, Elizabeth King, Tom
Swafford, Tricia Stubblefield, Jennifer Wians

Butler University Certificate of Scholarship

Presidential Scholarship

Rebecca Ann Fox
Susan Michelle Hinde

Fairview Scholarship

Kendra Joy DeVries
Sara Diane Kreischer

Hoosier Scholar Certificates

Susan Hinde
John Jungels

Hope College Endowed Scholarship

Jeffrey Boer

Imagine America Scholarship Certificate

Cameron Bales
Adam Shelton

Indiana Cheerleader Association Scholarship

Jennifer Renee Trock

Indiana University Honors Division Scholarship

Susan Michelle Hinde

Indiana University Purdue University

Indianapolis Scholarships

Honors Scholarship

John Jungels

Merit Recognition Scholarship

David Hancock

Kankakee Valley Bass Busters Scholarship

Justin Shafer

Lawrence University Scholarship

Susan Michelle Hinde

Michigan Technological University

Society Of Women Engineers Certificate Of Merit

Beth Strong
Kimberly Woods

Ohio Northern University Dean's Scholarship

Andrea Kamminga

Olivet Nazarene University Achievement Award

Daniel A. Nannenga
Dustin A. Schoonveld

Purdue University Certificate Of Recognition

Kati Elaine Abbring
Janet Marie Boon
Elizabeth Anne Strong
Jennifer Renee Trock
Kenneth Lewis Vaught

Saint Francis College Scholarship Award

Tricia Stubblefield

Tandy Technology Scholars

Outstanding Student

John Jungels

Academic Top Two Percent

Kati E. Abbring
Susan M. Hinde
John M. Jungels
Laura A. Norris

Taylor University Merit Scholarship

Laura Norris

Tri-State University

Robert Koschal

University Of Indianapolis

Dean's Scholar

Jennifer R. Trock

Admission With Distinction

Jennifer R. Trock

University Of Southern Indiana Honors

Diploma Grant

Jill A. Spurgeon
Nicole R. Zylstra

Valparaiso University

Honors Scholarships

Jennifer A. Brasel
Kendra J. DeVries
Lisa M. Groot
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Valparaiso University

Honors Scholarships

Jennifer A. Brasel
Kendra J. DeVries
Lisa M. Groot
Jill A. Spurgeon

Dean's Distinguished Student Award

Jennifer A. Brasel
Kendra J. DeVries
Lisa M. Groot

Crusader Scholarship

Andrea R. Kamminga

Vincennes University Academic Honors Diploma Scholarship Recipient

Kylene R. Kramer

National Honor Society Seniors

Kati Abbring (Secretary), Jeff Boer,

Janet Boon, Jennifer Brasel, Teresa Carr, Erik Cornet, Kendra DeVries, Rebecca Fox, Lisa Groot (President), Kyle Hamstra, David Hancock, Helen Hicks, Susan Hinde, Jasmine Jones, John Jungels, Andrea Kamminga, Brianne Keiser, Elizabeth King (Vice President), Sara Kreischer, Laura Norris, Martina Plopper, Nicole Ryan, Jill Spurgeon, Elizabeth Strong, Tricia Stubblefield, Jennifer Trock, Melissa Will, Ken Vaught

Academic Honors Diploma

Kati Abbring, Jeffery Boer, Janet Boon, Jennifer Brasel, Teresa Carr, Cory Concus, Erik Cornet, Kendra DeVries, Rebecca Fox, Jennifer Ginzler, Lisa Groot, David Hancock, Helen Hicks, Susan Hinde, John Jungels, Andrea Kamminga, Brianne Keiser, Jennifer Kikkert, Elizabeth King, Joseph Knudson, Kylene Kramer, Sara Kreischer, Nicholas Leskiw, Bradley Murray, Daniel Andrew Nannenga, Laura Norris, Martina Plopper, Doug Ruchl, Nicole Ryan, Christopher Scott, Justin Shafer, Jennifer Sietsma, Jillian Spurgeon, Elizabeth Strong, Tricia Stubblefield, Jennifer Trock

Care 40

Thomas Barr, Jillian Barrera, Michael Bozell, Kristen Cambe, Timothy Coffey, Steven Crider, Jennifer Cutlip, Darren Dase, Samantha Delvecchio, Noah Forsythe, Timothy Funston, Jill Garvey, Kevin Getz, Kyle Hamstra, Kyle Hanley, Rebecca Hartzler, Jonathan Holman, Coral Jasmine Jones, Lloyd W. Kendall, Robert Koschal, Veronica Madden, Jeffrey Mich, Jennifer Moyer, Jennifer Musch, Tonya Nuss, Leah Scharp, Amy Schultz, Gregory Sharp, Jerilyn Sherman, Jacob Statton, Lori Stalbaum, Thomas Swafford, Raimie Truman- Forelund, Jason VanderWoude, Kenneth Vaught, Brent Wall, Nathan Wall, Diane Watson, Jennifer Wians

21st Century Scholars

Teresa Carr
Tiffany Foresta
Kristen Kirkleski
Leia Martin
Stephanie Vickery
Natanial Wall
Alana Zarembo

National Recognition Scholar

Rebecca A. Fox

Special Recognition-Most Improved Student Award

Dane Jalovec

Super Seniors

David Hancock, Lisa Groot, Elizabeth King, Kati Abbring, Jennifer Trock, Elizabeth Strong, Kyle Hamstra, Tricia Stubblefield, John Bell, Susan Hinde, Christopher Scott, Rebecca Fox, Jennifer Wians, Thomas Swafford,

Martina Plopper, Samantha Delvecchio,
Salvador Martinez, Teresa Carr, Lance Culp,
Cory Concus

Principal's Leadership Award Certificate Of Merit

David Hancock
Bank One Salutatorian Scholarship

Laura Norris
DeMotte State Bank Valedictorian Scholarship

John Jungles
Dr. Cecil E. & Mrs. Gladys Johnson Scholarships

Jennifer Brasel, Lisa Groot, Helen
Hicks, Kylene Kramer, Jamie Lonsberry, Alesha
Studer, Jennifer Trock, Jamie VanWienen
Chad Middlekamp Vocational Scholarship

Adam Shelton
Academic All-State Football

Chris Dixon
Kyle Hanley
Dave Hancock

Art Major Awards

Travis Earl
Erica Greenwood
Art Department Plaque Award

Heather Heide
Jasper County Art League Award
Daniel Andrew Nannenga

Band Booster Awards
John Bell, Samantha Delvecchio,

Elizabeth King, Susan Hinde, Stacie Zeilenga,
Nick Leskaw, Nathan Wall, Kim Strehler, Jeff
Misch, Jason Sonntag

Building Trades Awards

George Hamstra, Erik K. Kozak, Mark
Jagstee, Ryan Magdos, Adam Shelton, Daniel
Sipkema, Lee Sohn, David Stahl, Andrew
Studer, Keith Wallace, Michael Wantola,
Jonathan Hart, Thomas O'Brien, Robert
Prosser, Craig Riffe, Steve Schoon, Jeremy
Swallow, Joey Swallow, Allyn Scott Sysma,
Jeffrey VanBlaircom

Speech Awards

Degree of Merit
Susan Hinde
Rebecca Chase

Degree of Honor

Elizabeth King
Degree of Excellence

Sarah Opolski
John Bell
Degree of Distinction

Wally Kendall
Tricia Cusack
Degree of Special Distinction

Joey Knudsen

Drama

Thespians
Dane Jalovec, Jen Musch, Daniel
Andrew Nannenga, Stacie Zeilenga, Martina
Plopper, Adam Shelton

Honor Thespians

Rebecca A. Fox, Joseph W. Knudsen,
Kendra J. DeVries, Lloyd W. Kendall, Dustin A.
Schoonveld, Tricia M. Stubblefield

Multiple Honors

John A. Bell, Rebecca A. Chase, Jessica
L. Holobowski, Sara D. Kreischer
Outstanding English Student

Becca Hartzler
Academic All-State Track And Field

Laura Norris
Jennifer Trock

KYTA Scholarship

Sara Kreischer
Excellence In English
Kati Abbring, Kendra DeVries, Laura

Norris, Jennifer Trock, Alesha Studer, Nicole
Zylstra
Outstanding Communicator

Jenny Forbes

Outstanding Speaker

Becky Fox, Tricia Stubblefield, Janet
Boon, Joe Knudsen, Amy Schultz, Jerilyn
Sherman

Excellence In Drama

Joe Knudsen, Amy Schultz, Jessica
Holobowski, Sara Kreischer, Cameron Bales
Kankakee Valley FFA Scholarship

Laura Norris

Foreign Language Club Scholarship
Susan Hinde

Foreign Language Department Certificates Of Merit

French
Susan Hinde
Jennifer Brasel

German

Dave Hancock

Spanish

Kendra DeVries
Laura Norris
Lisa Groot

Indiana Council Of Teachers Of Math

John Jungles
David Hancock

Senior Math Department Awards

John Jungles, David Hancock,
Elizabeth Strong, Erik Cornet, Laura Norris,
Cory Concus, Andrea Kamminga, Jill

Spurgeon, Jennifer Trock

Journalism

Hammond Times Certificate

Tonya Fulkerson

South Bend Tribune Certificate

Joshua Nelson

Most Dedicated

Daniel Andrew Nannenga

Post Tribune Award

Tricia Cusack

Female Senior Athlete Of The Year

Alesha Studer

Male Senior Athlete Of The Year

Tom Swafford

Northwest Hoosier Conference Academic Team Awards

Jeff Boer, Kyle Hamstra, David
Hancock, Helen Hicks, Laura Norris, Jill

Spurgeon, Jennifer Trock, Kenneth Vaught
Science Awards

AP Biology

Elizabeth King

AP Chemistry

Jill Spurgeon

AP Physics

David Hancock

AP Science

John Jungles

Vocational Welding

George Hamstra, Scott Kearney, Will
Lock, Ryan Magdos, Greg Sharp, Lee Sohn,
Andy Studer, Jeff VanBlaircom, Keith Wallace,
Mike Wantola

40 & 8 Nurse Scholarship Award

Jamie M. Van Wienen

Charles Halleck Scholarship Award

Kenneth Vaught

Davenport College Scholarship

Jennifer Sietsma

DeMotte Junior Women's Club Scholarships

David Hancock
Samantha Delvecchio

DeMotte-Kankakee Valley Rotary Scholarship

Martina Plopper
Kyle Hamstra

Jasper County Art League Award

Daniel Andrew Nannenga

Bruce And Shawn Nesius Memorial Scholarship

Kylene Kramer
Nicole Ryan

Saint Joseph's College Scholarship

Over 4.0 GPA
John Jungles, Laura Norris, Kati
Abbring, Susan M. Hinde, Jennifer Trock,

David Hancock, Rebecca Fox, Kendra DeVries,
Jennifer Brasel, Andrea Kamminga, Lisa Groot,
Elizabeth King, Sara Kreischer, Brianne Keiser,

Elizabeth Strong, Melissa Will, Martina
Plopper, Jill Spurgeon, Tricia Stubblefield,
Nicole Ryan, Kenneth Vaught

Top Ten Seniors

John Jungles

Laura Norris

Kati Abbring

Susan Hinde

Jennifer Trock

David Hancock

Rebecca Fox

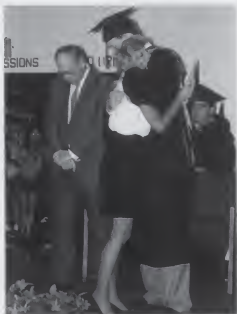
Kendra DeVries

Jennifer Brasel

Andrea Kamminga

Graduates Cross Over To Life

Overcome with emotion, Board President John Heerema pays respects to the mother of Stephanie Cochran who accepted her daughter's diploma posthumously. Superintendent Bret Lewis consoled Mrs. Cochran.



As the Seniors stood in the hall on May 31, they realized that it would be the last time their classmates would gather.

Salutatorian Laura Norris, and Valedictorian John Jungles, brought tears to many eyes as they discussed the importance of parents and friendships. Laura said, "Winston Churchill said 'Responsibility is the price of freedom.'" Jungles said, "A lot of people have told me that they wish they could get grades like me, but there's something I never told each one of you, I wish I had what you do." His words of truth shocked many.

As the Valedictorian closed his speech, the musicians played a beautiful song by Mozart called

"Alleluia. Class President, Tom Barr, challenged his class to succeed. As he finished, the concert choir sang "Another Bridge to Cross."

Class Sponsor Kristi Slaby called each name while Board President John Heerema handed out the diplomas, and Superintendent Dr. Bret Lewis and Principal Phil Apple congratulated each graduate.

Standing ovations and tears met the announcement of a diploma for Stephanie Cochran and an honorary diploma for Erik Ramage.

Each graduate received a red rose. Upon completion of the diplomas, Dr. Lewis presented the Class of '98 and led the tassel turning. Graduates exited behind retiring Athletic Director Rich McEwan.



Receiving his degree from Board President John Heerema, Lance Culp takes one more successful step.

"One More Bridge to Cross" emits strong emotions as the choir completes its final song.

Exiting the stage, Elena Burnaska receives the class flower from an NHS member while Marissa Miranda awaits the next graduate.



Smiling, twins Julie and Jenny Forbes respond to the "Pomp and Circumstance".





Awaiting the tassel turning, Tricia Cusack organizes her program and signed diploma at the end of Graduation.

Reflecting on the moment, Salvador Martínez, Ryan Magdos, and

Veronica Madden recognize the diversity in the Class of '98.



Speaking of friendship, dedication, Class President Tom Barr, Salita

torian Laura Norris, and Valedictorian John

Jungles summarize the effect of Graduation on their lives.

McEwan Leaves Legacy

Mr. Rich McEwan has accomplished many things in his career as an athletic director and coach. During Mr. McEwan's athletic directorship there have been 13 sports teams added to the program. Mr. McEwan commented, "The changes in women's athletics effected the athletic program very positively. It allowed us to promote a full athletic program that should make all of us proud."

During his directorship, Mr. McEwan also added a Certified Athletic Trainer to the program, renovated the baseball infield, built a new softball field at Wheatfield Elementary, and did a \$3000 renovation of the E-Building. He also established the NWHC All Conference Wall of Fame, IHSAA Tournament Championship Wall of Fame, and the Sports Record Board in the main hall.

In his nine year coaching career, Mr. McEwan had many accomplishments, such as winning one Holiday Tournament Championship, two Conference Tournament Championships, two Sectional Championships, three Conference Championships, one Regional Finalist, and winning over 100 games. In 1984, Mr. McEwan shifted from Vice Principal to Athletic Director. In 1990 he was appointed Corporate Athletic Director.

Mr. McEwan decided to retire

because he felt that he had brought the athletic program as far as he could. He would like to thank the administration, faculty, coaching staff, student body, and citizens for their support.

Mr. McEwan said his replacement should be a person who loves athletics and working with young people and adults. He or she needs to be able to organize, schedule, and promote approximately 675 sporting events each year. The candidate should be a workaholic with determination and drive. He or she needs to be able to establish plans and goals, and carry them out. He or she will need to schedule approximately 375 bus trips, 400 event officials, and promote and supervise 375 home events each year. The candidate should be able to gain respect from the people with whom he or she is working.

Mr. McEwan has five children; Todd, who manages a restaurant in Albuquerque, Melissa, who lives in Valparaiso, is raising four children, and is active with her husband in Word of Life Missionary work. Marsha and her family are doing missionary work in Moscow,



Ann is a mother and homemaker in Kouts, and Billy is deceased.

In retirement, Mr. McEwan and his wife plan to do full time traveling in their RV.

Mr. McEwan's most memorable experience during his career was when the boys basketball team won Sectionals his last year at DeMotte and his first year at KV. His second joy was seeing the coaching staff and athletes have success.

When asked what he would do differently if he had to do everything over again, Mr. McEwan replied, "Most of all, I wish I would have had more time to be involved with the student body. I missed the contact with the students."

Dr. Brett Lewis
Superintendent
William Willets
Maintenance Director/
Transportation Director
Bob Heid
Director of Technology
Phillip Apple
Principal
Rich McEwan
Athletic Director



Steve Disney
Assistant Principal
Loni Dorall
Assistant Principal 9-10
Tim Adams
Language Arts
Jim Biddle
Science
Brigid Boos
Language Arts





Betty Brown
Language Arts
Heather Carey
French
Bill Darnell
Choir Director
Paul Epley
Special Education
Lynn Ginzer
Business



John Gray
Math
Doug Greenlee
Health/PE
Jerry Hale
Business
Mark Hamilton
Science
Sue Hanley
Health/PE



Ron Hine
Industrial Technology
Jerry Hoover
Government
Herald Hostetler
Math
Steve Inman
Agriculture
Barb Jackson
Special Education



Bobbi Jeffries
Business
Teresa Kaminski
Language Arts
Nancy Klockow
Art
Ann Krejsa
Education Plus
Mark Ladd
Computer



Bob Lewis
Social Studies
Steve Maple
Science
Carl Martikean
Science
Gary Martin
Health/PE
Kay Masten
German



Ron McAtee
Media Specialist
Shawn McDowell
Industrial Technology
Mike McKay
Industrial Technology
Kathy McKinney
Journalism/Language
Arts
Maureen Melton
Special Education

Jeff Mengei
Industrial Tech
Sarah Miller
Fine Arts
Connie Moolenaar
Language Arts
Joe Morehouse
Health/PE
Kevin Mulvihill
Industrial Tech



Allen Nagel
Math
Paul Norwine
Social Studies
Greg Oliver
Special Education
Bill Orsburn
Math
Linda Peele
Language Arts



George Post
Econ.
John Price
Physics
Pat Price
Social Studies/Language
Arts
Tania Price
Pool Director
Sara Prochno
Science



Judy Roberts
Math
Jennifer Schroeder
Home Economics
Marty Sherwood
Math
Kristy Slaby
Science
Jill Steiner
Language Arts



Peggy Tucker
Business
Paula Wellmaker
Home Economics
Sally Wiseman
Spanish
Diana Zacher
Business
Beverly Green
Guidance Counselor



Mary Lunde
Guidance Counselor
John Michael
Guidance Counselor
Paula Bulla
Special Ed Aide
Myrna Dunn
Special Ed Aide
Gayle DeVries
Special Ed Aide





Linda Dusek
Athletic Organizer
Joan Floyd
Special Ed Aide
Irene Hoffman
Study Hall Aide
Dawn Jabaay
In-School Aide
Jill Kozaik
Attendance Secretary



Shirley Meeks
Study Hall Aide
Kathy Misch
Principals' Secretary
Rita Ryska
Treasurer
Rozanne Sanders
Library Aide
Andrea Scheidt
Nurse's Aide



Mary Spurgeon
Guidance Secretary
Sandy Tiemens
Piano Assistant
Annette Tillemma
Special Needs Aide
Debbie Turpin
Voc. Ed Aide
Nancy Valenkamp
Special Needs Aide



Jianyun Mung
One-hour Orchestra
Director

Decked out in red, teachers Kristi Slaby, Pat Price, Heather Carey and Lynn Ginzler join Connie Moolenaar and Sue Hanley in a salute to education in the Homecoming parade.

Most Memorable Moments

"My *Sophomore* year when Foreign Language Club went to Eurpoe." Jen Brasel

"Volleyball '96. We were the best fans a team could ever have."
-Dan Nannenga

"Climbing the tower to steal the Junior flag during Homecoming '97."
Robert Prosser

"Winning basketball sectionals, 1997 because it has always been a goal of mine it felt really good to achieve."
-Jennifer Ginzer

Leaning up against the wall Jeff Boer listens to Dan Nannenga at the January 12 girls basketball game vs. Lowell.



Senior Feature



variety football team show good spirit even after losing the Homecoming game.

by Hancock, Martina Flopper, Tricia Stubblefield, Jennifer Trock, Janet Boon, Amanda Bema, Laz King, Jan Hamstra, Matt Kovach, Beth Strong, and Rosie Kamminga ate pizza celebrating for National Honors Society.

Growing up through the years, we heard tales about high school. Many probably thought reaching that point would never come. Step by step, we saw our senior year draw closer.

Through our struggles and triumphs we were named Generation X. A generation where body piercing and tattooing became extremely popular. In the air we could see paintballs, laser guns, and Hacki Sacs.

It was a time where hours were passed by Sony Play Station and exploring on the InterNet while listening to the music of Metallica. It had been a day where sex and AIDS were of big concern for everyone.

Our future held unknown treasures, unmapped courses as seen through the discovery and development of cloning. Treasures such as cell phones and pagers that ran \$39.99 a month kept us linked to our family and friends at a touch of a button. A future where babies were born with the aide of fertility drugs was ushered in by the McCoy septuplets in Iowa. Cloning a second miracle of birth was questioned when Dr. Sullavn of Illinois decided to clone human cells.

We were concerned when our weather was effected by the Mount St. Helean's Volcanic explosion, and when the warming currents of El Nino brought floods, tornadoes and ice storms to much of the U.S. and Canada. Our Hearts were burdened when we heard that the Oklahoma Federal Building was blown in half and 167 people died. On Halloween night in 1995, the America West crash in Roselawn put Jasper County in shock knowing that something that catastrophic could happen so close to home.

For many it was scary to take the first step toward college where those who had been big fish became small fish in a huge ocean full of choices.

It was our time, our turn to take hold of the future and never release the chance to make a difference. We are the class of '98.

Let's use the technology developed in our lifetime to better our lives and those of our future.

Seniors

Kati Abbring

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; SADD 9; Pathfinders 9,10,11,12; BPOA 12; Powder Puff 11,12; National Honors Society 10,11,12; Jr. Miss 12; Class Officers 10,11,12; Student Council 10; Tennis

Scott Altman

FCA 9; Pathfinders 9,10,12; Spirit 9; Football 9; Computer Club 12

Chad Anderson

Jill Anderson

FHA 10



Anna Arambula

Jennifer Baggerly

Sunshine 11; SADD 9; Powder Puff 11

Cameron Bales

Media 9,10,11; Football 9; Choir 9,10,11,12

Robert Barnes



Mike Barnett

FCA 9; Football 9; Basketball 9,10

Thomas Barr

Varsity 12; Class Officer 12; Student Council 12; Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9

Jillian Barrera

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; SADD 12; Spirit 9,10,11; Environmental 12

John Bell

Drama 9,10,11,12; Football 9; Decathlon Team 11,12; Computer Club 10,11,12; Foreign Language Club 12; Speech Team 11,12; Tennis 10,11,12; Band 9,10,11,12; Drum Major 12; Yearbook 11



Robert Besner

Amanda Beverly

Sunshine 11; FHA 10,11,12; Spirit 9,10,11

Amy Bickett

Sunshine 10,11; Yearbook 11,12; Newspaper 12; Foreign Language Club 10; Environmental 10,11,12

Jeff Boer

FCA 9,10,11,12; Spirit 10,11; Varsity 10,11,12; National Honors Society 10,11,12; Computer Club 10,11; Baseball 9; Basketball 9,10,11,12



Janet Boon

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; FCA 11; SADD 10; Pathfinders 9,10,11,12; Spirit 9,10; Powder Puff 11,12; National Honors Society 10,11,12; Foreign Language Club 10,11

Mike Bozell

FCA 9,10,11,12; Spirit 9,10,11,12; Varsity 11,12; Soccer 10,11,12; Computer Club 11; Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10

Jennifer Brasel

BPOA 10,11,12; National Honors Society 10,11,12; Foreign Language Club 9,10,12; Spell Bowl 9,10

Michael Braiz



1998



Heidi Bricker
Sunshine 9,10,11,12; FMA 10; Spirit 9,10; Powder Puff 11,12

Elena Burnaska
Sunshine 10,11; Art Club 12
Denell Bykerk
SADD 9; BPCA 10,11,12; Tennessees 10; Environmental Action 10,11

Krissy Cambe
Sunshine 9; SADD 9, Spirit 9; BPCA 11,12; Media 12; Powder Puff 11,12; Art Club 9; Tennis 9,10; Environmental Action 9,10,11,12



Teresa Carr
Sunshine 10,11,12; FCA 10; Pathfinder 10,11,12; Manager 9,10; National Honors Society 11,12; Foreign Language Club 10,11,12; Choir 9,10,11,12; Swing Choir 10,11,12

Rachel Chapman
Rebecca Chase
Sunshine 10,11,12; Drama 9,10,11,12; SADD 9,10; Spirit 9,10,11,12; Computer Club 10,11; Foreign Language Club 10,11,12; Speech Team 10,12; Environmental Action 9,10,11,12

Mattie Cobb
Drama 11; Pathfinder 9,10,11,12; Swing Choir 11,12; Student of the Month 9



Stephanie Cochran
Sunshine 10,11,12; Spirit 9,11; Varsity 11; Cheerleader 9,11

Tim Coffer
FCA 9,10,11,12; Varsity 11,12; Football 9,10,11,12; Student Council 10,11; Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9

Sarah Collins
Sunshine 10,11; BPCA 11; Powder Puff 11; Volleyball 9

Senior Class Officers: President: Tom Barr, Secretary: Kati Abbring, Treasurer: Laura Norris, Vice President: Martina Plopper

History Of Our Own

For the Class of '98, there were only 180 days in which to cram all the events of the senior year. That meant 217 people had a total of 39,060 chances to make only one memory a day.

For Tom Barr, being Class President was one of many. "I would never have believed my Freshman year that I could have been class president," said Tom Barr.

Other officers were Martina Plopper, vice-president, and Student Council Rep; Laura Norris, treasurer, Jasper County Fair Queen, and Kati Abbring, secretary.

Class sponsors were Mrs. Pat Price and Mrs. Kristi Slaby.



Seniors

Cory Concus
Christa Cook
 Marching Band 9,10,11,12; Concert
 Band 9,10,11,12; Woodwind Ensemble
 9,10
Erik Cornet
Junelle Cox
 Sunshine 11; BPOA 12



Steve Crider
Lance Culp
 FCA 9,10,11,12; Varsity 9,10,11,12;
 Football 9,10,11,12; Student Council 9;
 Track 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10
Tricia Cusack
 Sunshine 9,10,11; Drama 9,10,11;
 Spirit 9,11; Yearbook 9,10,11,12;
 Manager 9; Powder Puff 11,12; Quill &
 Scroll 10,11,12; Student Council 10;
 Foreign Language Club 9,10,11; Speech
 Team 9,10,11,12; Environmental Ac-
 tion 9,10,11,12; Academic Superbowl
 11
Jennifer Cutlip



Darren Dase
 FCA 9,11,12; Football 9,10,11,12;
 Wrestling 11,12; Basketball 9,10
Matthew Day
Samantha DeIvecchio
 Sunshine 9,10,11,12; Spirit 9; Powder
 Puff 12; Band 9,10,11,12
Escarien DeVries
 Sunshine 9,10,11,12; SADD 9; Spirit 9;
 Powder Puff 12; TrebleChoir
 9,10,11,12



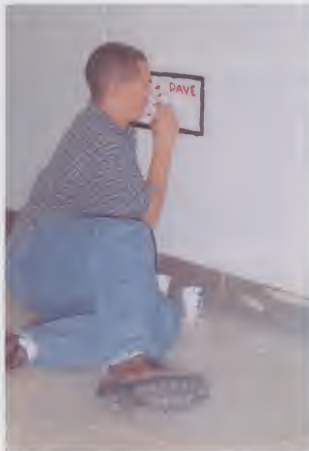
Kendra DeVries
 Sunshine 9,10,11,12; Drama
 9,10,11,12; SADD 11; Pathfinders
 9,10,11,12; Spirit 12; National Honors
 Society 10,11,12; Jr. Miss 12; All State
 Choir 9,10,11,12; Treble Choir
 9,10,11; Concert Choir 9,10,11,12;
 Orchestra 9,10,11
Christopher Dixon
 Football 10,11,12; Foreign Language
 Club 11,12; Track 10; Lifter 12
Colleen Donohoe
Travis Earl
 Art Club 12; Baseball 12



Sarah Eierman
 Powder Puff 12; Winter Guard 10; Spe-
 cial Olympics Basketball 11
Tammy Engelhart
Holly Estill
Gabor Fantosi
 Newspaper 9; Media 9; Swimming 9;
 Soccer 9,10; Art Club 9,10,11; Golf 9;
 Basketball 9,10,11; Tennis 9,10,11,12;
 Exchange Student-Germany



Neatly designing his block, honor student and outstanding athlete, Dave Hancock leaves his mark in one more way



Jenny Forbes

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; SADD 9,10; Pathfinders 9; Spirit 9,10; Powder Puff 12

Julie Forbes

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; SADD 9; Spirit 9,10



Tiffany Foresta

Sunshine 9,10,11; Color Guard 9

Noah Forsythe

FCA 12; Football 9,10,11,12; Track 10,12



Rebecca Fox

Sunshine 11,12; Drama 9,10,11,12; Spirit 9,10; Yearbook 11; National Honors Society 10,11,12; Foreign Language 9,10,11,12; Winter Guard 10; Tennis 9,10,11,12; Treble Choir 9; Spell Bowl 9,10,12; National Merit Finalist

Tonya Fulkerson

Sunshine 11,12; BPOA 10,11,12; Yearbook 11,12; Newspaper 12; Powder Puff 12; Mirage 12

“Memorial Wall”

At the end of the long empty hall on the second floor, teens encountered splashes of color now known as “Senior Wall”.

Red blue, black, and yellow hands, personalized messages, sport numbers, dragons, flags, butterflies, and smiley faces perked up the wall. “I wanted to be remembered. That’s why I did it,” reiterated Josh Nelson.

Uniqueness prevailed as Steve Schoon used his foot as his remembrance. An Italian Flag and dark sunset stood out. Final blocks were painted under Mrs. Carey’s direction on November 26, and paint was provided by Student Council.



Getting down and messy about decorating the Senior Wall, Debra Howard is assisted by Veronica Madden.

Seniors

Tim Funston

PCA 10,12; Spirit 9,10,11; Computer Club 12; Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9

Jill Garvey

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; PCA 9,10,11, Pathfinders 9,10,11,12; Spirit 9,10,11; Varsity 9,10,11; Manager 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Softball 9; Powder Puff 11,12; Art Club 9; Foreign Language Club 9,10,11; Tennis 10

Kevin Getz

PCA 12; Varsity 12; Computer Club 11; Basketball 10

Jennifer Ginzer

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; PCA 9,10,11,12; Pathfinders 10,11,12; Spirit 9; Varsity 11,12; Powder Puff 11,12; Class Officer 9; Foreign Language Club 12; Golf 11,12; Track 9; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10

Ernesto Gonzalez

Natalie Gordon

Sunshine 9,10; Spirit 9

Erica Greenwood

Art Club 9,12; Pioneerz 9,10,11,12

Jamie Groen

Football 9,12

Lisa Groot

Hoby 10; Sunshine 9,10,11,12; PCA 9,10,11; SADD 9,10,11,12; Pathfinders 9,10,11,12; Powder Puff 11,12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Peer Facilitation 11,12; Jr. Miss 12; Foreign Language Club 12; Track 9,10; Volleyball 9

Amanda Hall

Concert Choir 12; Swing Choir 12; Treble Choir 11; Student Assistant 11; Sunshine 10,11; PCA 12; SADD 9; Pathfinders 10,12; Powder Puff 11

George Hamstra

PCA 9,10,11,12

Kyle Hamstra

PCA 9,10,11,12; Varsity 11,12; Cross Country 12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Baseball 9; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Tennis 10,11

David Hancock

PCA 9; Pathfinders 10,11,12; Spirit 10,11,12; Varsity 11,12; Football 9,10,11,12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Peer Facilitation 10,11,12; Class Officers 11; Student Council 11,12; Computer Club 12; Foreign Language Club 10,11,12; Pioneerz 11,12; Track 9,10; Volleyball 9

Shannon Hancock

HHA 10,11,12; Spirit 9; Powder Puff 11,12

Lauren Hanewich

Kyle Hanley

PCA 9; Varsity 11,12; Football 9,10,11,12; Track 9; Basketball 9,10,11,12

Jonathan Hart

PCA 12; Football 9; Baseball 9,10,11,12

Rebecca Hartzler

Soccer Co-Captain 12; Sunshine 9,10,11,12; PCA 12; SADD 12; Pathfinders 10,11,12; Varsity 12; Powder Puff 11; Soccer 11,12; Environmental Action 12

Jenn Hayes

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; SADD 9,10; Spirit 9,10,11; Powder Puff 11,12; Foreign Language Club 9

Heather Heide

Sunshine 10; Spirit 9; Softball 10; Art Club 12; Mirage 9; Environmental Club 10



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Josh Hepworth

Helen Hicks

Pep Band 9, 10, 11; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11; Sunshine 10, 11, 12; FFA 12; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 9; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9; Varsity 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Soccer 12; Peer Facilitation 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 11, 12; Winter Guard 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 12

Susan Hinde

Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 10, 11, 12; Spellbound 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Drama 11; SADD 11; Spirit 9; Powder Puff 12; National Honors Society 10, 11, 12; Peer Facilitation 11, 12; Deaf Team 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 12; Track 10; Environmental Action 10

Jonathan Holman

Varsity 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10; Foreign Language Club 10; Track 9

Jessica Holobowski

Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 11; Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 11; Winter Guard 10; Environmental Action 9, 10, 11

Debra Howard

Sunshine 9, 11, 12; Drama 9; Spirit 9; BPOA 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Class Officers 9; Environmental Action 11, 12; Treble Choir 10, 11, 12

Sara Huckabee

Sunshine 10, 11, 12; FFA 9; SADD 9, 10; Pathfinders 9, 11, 12; Spirit 9, 10; Media 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11; Peer Facilitation 10, 11, 12; Jr. Miss 11; Foreign Language Club 10; Color Guard 9; Winter Guard 9; Pacers 10, 11; Environmental Action 10, 11, 12

Bryan Jablonski

J.D. Jablonski

Dane Jalovec

Jasmine Jones

Sunshine 9, 11; FFA 9; SADD 9; Media 11, 12; Powder Puff 11; Art Club 9; Tennis 9, 10; Environmental Action 9, 10, 11, 12

John Jungels

National Honors Society 9, 10, 11, 12; Computer Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Basketball 9; Tennis 10; Academics Super Bowl 11

Lewis Carroll enthusiasts

Mindy Spinner, D'Andrew Nannenga and John Hesterman

act out the Tulge Woods for "Poetry Alive"

Then and Now



Football star CJ Simpson was found not guilty for the murders of Ronald Goldman and Nicole Simpson.

"Despite the enduring rain 350,000 music fans rocked the stock at Woodstock '94.

"After retiring from the Bulls' Michael Jordan gave his try as a baseball player and within a year headed back to the basketball court.

"In '96 an explosion nearly leveled an Oklahoma city federal building. Terry Nicholas and Timothy McVay were arrested and found guilty.

"Princess Diana and her boyfriend Dodi El Fitez died in a car crash.

"A week later Mother Teresa, a great servant to India passed away.

"Late in '97 within one week three famous men died. Chris Farley, a famous comedian died of massive overdose on drugs. Michael Kennedy, a politician, and Sony Bone, also known for the Sony and Cher Show and a politician died in separate tree related skiing accidents.

Seniors

Ondrea Kamminga

Pathfinders 9,10,11,12; Spirit 12;
BOA 12; Powder Puff 11,12; Na-
tional Honors Society 10,11,12; De-
cathlon Team 10; Foreign Language
Club 12; Volleyball 9; Spellbowl 12;
Academic Superbowl 11; Band
9,10,11; Business Student of the
Month 12

Kenneth Kapella

Football 9,10,11,12; Wrestling 12;
Track 12; Baseball 9,10

Scott Kearney

Brianne Keiser
Sunshine 9,10,11,12; FCA 9,10;
SADD 10,11,12; Pathfinders 9,10,11,
12; Spirit 9,10; Powder Puff 11; Art
Club 9; National Honors Society 9,
10,11,12; Peer Facilitation 11,12;
Foreign Language Club 10,11; Track
10; Volleyball 9

Wally Kendall

Drama 9,10,11,12; Cross Country 9;
Decathlon Team 10,12; Computer
Club 9,10,11,12;
Speech Team 10,11,12; Academic
Teams 9,10,11,12

Wally Kerns

Angie Ketchum
Media 10,11,12; Powder Puff 12; En-
vironmental Action 12

Jennifer Kikert

Sunshine 9,10; IFA 10,11,12; Drama
9; Powder Puff 11,12; Art Club 10

Elizabeth King

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; FCA 9,10,11;
SADD 10,11; Pathfinders 9,10,11,12;
Newspaper 11; Powder Puff 11,12; Art
Club 9,12; National Honors Society
10,11,12; Peer Facilitation 11,12;
Decathlon Team 12; Quill And Scroll
11,12; Class Officers 10; Student
Council 11,12; Foreign Language
Club 10,11,12; Track 9,10; Basket-
ball 9; Environmental Action 10; Aca-
demic Team 11,12; Science Olympiad
12; Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Band
9,10,11,12; Orchestra 9,10,11,12;
Drum Major 11,12; Spellbowl Team
11,12

Kiki Kirkilewski

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; Spirit 9,10;
Powder Puff 11

Joe Knudsen

Drama 10,11,12; Spirit 9; Swimming
9; Peer Facilitation 10; Decathlon
Team 10,11,12; Foreign Language
Club 9,10,11,12; Speech Team
9,10,11,12; Tennis 9,10,11,12; Choir
9,10,11,12; Academia Super Bowl
9,10,11,12; Science Olympiad 11,12;
Swing Choir 10

Amanda Koen

Don Korem

Robert Koschal

Baseball 11,12

Erik Kozak

FCA 9,10; Football 9; Foreign Lan-
guage Club 9,10; Golf 9; Basketball
9,10

Kylene Kramer

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; FCA
9,10,11,12; Pathfinders
9,10,11,12; Varsity 12; Softball
9,10,11,12; Powder Puff 11,12; Bas-
ketball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10

Sara Kreischer

Sunshine 10,11,12; FCA 9,10; Drama
9,10,11,12; Pathfinders 10,11; Spirit
9,10,11,12; Manager 9,10; Powder
Puff 11,12; National Honors Society
10,11,12; Peer Facilitation 11,12; Jr.
Miss 12; Student Council 11,12;
Pioneer 11,12; Choir 9,10,11,12;
Swing Choir 10,11,12; Marching
Band 12

Sam Kuyrkendall

Shane Lacey

Mark Lagestee



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Unique '98

Unique (u kneek) adj. one and only one; single; sole **2** having no like or equal **3** highly unusual **4 the class of 1998.** The class of 1998 has its own way of saying "98" rules and everyone else drools." What really makes the class of 1998 unique? Kati Abbring characterizes it by saying, "There are many diverse characteristics within the class of 1998, but we recognize those differences and accept them as being the reason we are unique."

Being unique does take special traits, maybe even mathematical traits. Chris Scott whose goal is to teach replies that the class of 1998 is unique because, "If you take the 9 from the 19 and minus the 98 you're left with number 1," that itself is unique. Different qualities bring different perspectives, goals, and achievements.

Yet being the class of 1998 shows how unique it is, "Even though we all have different hobbies, sports, etc. We all seem to stick together," said Amy Schultz. No matter who you ask they all answer different, "We're our own people. With our own thoughts and ideas," stated Jennifer Sietsma.

Whether it's because "We know how to have a good time" or "We speak our mind" still everyone once in their Senior year has commented on the friendship the senior class has shown, "we have all at one time or another seem to have been friends," Rachael Woods. Whether the friendship was the girls on the powder puff team, or the guys on the football team, the crowds at the games, it was the passing in the halls, or if it was a fellow classmate being in an car accident, the class of 1998 showed their friendship and togetherness "We are by far the most interactive group. I bet every one knows everyone We've really stuck together for four years" -Jacob Slotton.



Nicholas Leskiw
Drama 9,10; Computer Club
9,10,11,12; Environmental Action
9,10,11,12; Band 9,10,11,12
Ryan Lewandowski
Computer Club 10,11,12



Christopher Lineberry
William Lock
FIA 9; Soccer 9



Jamie Lonsberry
Sunshine 9,10,11,12; SADD 11,12;
Spirit 9,10; Powder Puff 11,12;
Homecoming Court 12
Chris Lowe



Providing support for the community, Sunshine member Kati Abbring checks out her cheese and sausage order for the club's annual fundraiser.

Veronica Madden
Sunshine 10,11; Drama 9,1, Me-
dia 1; Powder Puff 11; Computer
Club 10; Volleyball 9,10
Ryan Magdos
FFA 9,10; Golf 9,10
Salvador Martinez
Leia Martin

Seniors

Joshua Miranda
Aimee Misch
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9;
Spirit 9,10; Powder Puff 11, 12
Jeffery Misch
FFA 9,10; Football 9,10,11,
12; Concert Band 9,10,11,12;
Pep Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Band
9,10,11,12; Marching Band 9,
10,11
Stacy Mitchell
Sunshine 11; FHA12; Media
10,11,12

Tobie Moore
Yearbook 12; Softball 9,10; Track
10; Choir 10
Jennifer Moyer
Bradley Murray
FCA 9,10,11,12; Pathfinders
9,10,11,12; Spirit 10,11,12; Var-
sity 12; Soccer 12; Student Coun-
cil 11,12; Golf 9,10,11,12; Bas-
ketball 9,10
Jennifer Musch
Sunshine 10,11,11; Drama
10,11,12; SADD 10,11; Powder
Puff 11,12; Mirage 11,12

D. Andrew Nannenga
Drama 9,10,11,12; SADD 12;
Pathfinders 12; Varsity 11,12;
Newspaper 12; Cross country
10,11,12; Wrestling 9,10,11,12;
Mirage 9,10,11,12; Student
Council 9; Pioneerz 11,12; Track
10,11,12; Environmental Action
12; Science Club 12; Hooser Boys
State 12; National Forensics
League 12
Dan Nannenga
FCA 11,12; Pathfinder 12; Spirit
12; Varsity 12; Computer Club
11; Baseball 9,10,11,12

Joshua Nelson
Drama 9,10,12; Yearbook 11,12;
Newspaper 11,12; Football 9;
Foreign Language Club 9,10;
Track 11; Hooser Boys State 11,
Martial Arts 9,10,11,12
Laura Norris
Sunshine 10,11,12; FCA
10,11,12; FFA 9,10,11,12,
Drama 10; SADD 10,11; Varsity
12; Cross Country 10; Manager
10; Powder Puff 11,12; National
Honors Society 9,10,11,12; Peer
Facilitation 10; Class Officers
10,12; Student Council 10,12;
Track 9,10,11,12

Tonya Nuss
Sunshine 9,10,11,12; Spirit
9,10; Powder Puff 11,12; Jr. Miss
12; Volleyball 9,10
Thomas O'Brien
Nicole O'Bryan
Sunshine 10,11; Drama 9; Spirit
9,10,11; BPOA 10; Cheerleaders
10,11; Art Club 12
Sarah Opolki
BPOA 11,12; Manager 9; Powder
Puff 11; Foreign Language Club
9,10; Speech Team 12; Pioneerz
10,11,12



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Stephanie Owens
Sunshine 11; FFA 10, 11, 12; Spirit 10;
Powder Puff 11, 12
Jason Pavloff
Martina Plopper
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 9; Drama
9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12;
Spirit 9, 10, 11, 12; Manager 9, 10;
Powder Puff 11, 12; National Honors
Society 11, 12; Peer Facilitation 11, 12;
Jr. Miss 11; Class Officers 9, 10, 11, 12;
Student Council 12; Foreign Lan-
guage Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Pioneer
11, 12; Track 9; Volleyball 9; Treble
Choir 9; Swing Choir 10, 11, 12; Con-
cert Choir 10, 11, 12
Justin Price



Robert Frosser
Ryan Quinn
Craig Riffe
Christina Rogers



Douglas Ruchl
FCA 10, 11, 12; SADD 9; Spirit 10; Var-
sity 10, 11, 12; Manager 10; Swim-
ming 12; Soccer 10, 11, 12; Peer
Facilitation 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 11;
Student Council 12; Computer Club
9, 12; Foreign Language Club 11, 12;
Golf 10; Track 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12
Nicole Ryan
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11;
Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 11;
Powder Puff 11, 12; National Honors
Society 10, 11, 12; Jr. Miss 11; Foreign
Language Club 11; Track 9, 10; Vol-
leyball 9, 10
Leah Sharp
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 12; Path-
finders 9, 10, 11, 12; BPOA 10, 11, 12;
Varsity 12; Newspaper 9; Softball
9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Peer
Facilitation 10, 11, 12; Jr. Miss 12; For-
eign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Vol-
leyball 9, 10
Steve Schoon
FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity 11, 12; Foot-
ball 9; Wrestling 10, 11, 12; Soccer
10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Bas-
ketball 9

Where We're Headed



Classes and activities helped mold the Class of '98 for life beyond the walls of Kankakee Valley. Math, Work Place Readiness, Economics, Government, English and Science trained minds. Technology, Building Trades, P.E., Art, and Computer, Business, Science, Drafting and Home Ec Labs trained hands and minds through school to work experiences.

In reality the senior class chose the following destinations:
50% of the Seniors planned on attending college
20% wanted to marry
15% were starting in the working field
15% were planning on traveling

Checking out Kougars Illustrated, John Jungels shares a football game with classmate Martina Plopper.

Seniors

Dustin Schoonveld

Jennifer Schultz

Amy Schultz

Sunshine 9,10,11,12; Spirit 9; Powder Puff 11,12; Jr. Miss 12

Bridget Scott

Sunshine 9,10,11; SADD 10,11; Spirit 9,10; Powder Puff 12; Mirage 9

Christopher Scott

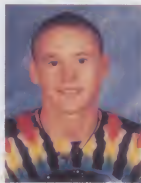
FCA 9,10,11,12; Varsity 10,11,12; Football 9,10,11,12; Track 9; Basketball 9,10

Richard Sears

Justin Schafer

Spirit 9,10; Cross Country 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Computer Club 9,10,11; Foreign Language Club 10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12

Gregory Sharp



Adam Shelton

Drama 9,10,11,12; Spirit 9,10

Jerilyn Sherman

Sunshine 9,10,11; Spirit 9,10; Cheerleaders 9; Powder Puff 11,12

Jennifer Sietsma

Swimming 9; Powder Puff 12

Kick Simons



Kristen Sims

Daniel Sipke

Jacob Slatten

FCA 10,11; Spirit 9; Varsity 11,12; Football 9,10,11,12; Track 11,12; Baseball 9

Lee Sohn



Jill Spurgeon

Sunshine 9,11; FCA 9,10; Spirit 9,11; Softball 9,10; Track 11,12; Basketball 9,10; Volleyball 9,10,11,12

David Stahl

Lori Stalbaum

Sunshine 9,10; Spirit 9; Powder Puff 11; Track 10; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10

Kimberly Strehler



Homecoming competition. Jason Vanderwoude competes with the Seniors in the plunger skooter race.



Elizabeth Strong
Sunshine 10, Spirit 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; National Honors Society 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9 National Honors Society 11, 12

Tricia Stubblefield
Sunshine 9, 11, 12; Drama 9 10, 11, 12; SADD 9; Spirit 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 11; Computer Club 11; Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11; Environmental Action 9, 10, 11, 12



Alesha Studer
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 10; Spirit 10; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12

Andrew Studer
Tennis 9, 11



Karine Sutton
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12

Tom Swafford
Varsity 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

That Krazy thing we do

"My most memorable year would have to be my Senior year. It's been a year for me to reflect on myself as well as my friends and (to) see how much we've grown," said Kati Abring.

Memorable moments are what make memories so fantastic. Memories that last a life time. The memories of our high school years are the ones we will keep forever. These included the undefeated freshman football team and how much we hated the juniors for taking our senior Powder Puff winning streak away from us.

Through all of our success and glories our friends were the ones we'll remember the most. Rebecca Chase said, "The most memorable moment of the year has been spending more time with my friends which could be no more than I could ask for."

No matter how great it was to go through high school, many Seniors felt that graduation didn't come soon enough. According to Jillian Barrera her most memorable moment her Senior year, "I'm almost out of here."

LET'S GO SENIORS LET'S GO! Seniors Tim Coffey and Mike Wantola help raise Senior spirit during the Homecoming pep session.



Seniors

Jeremy Swallow

Football 12; Wrestling 10, 11, 12

Joey Swallow

Kristi Swart
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; BPOA 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12

Theodor Swedjemark

Drama 12; Golf 12

Monica Tipton

Jennifer Trock

Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 9, 10; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9, 10, 11, 12; BPOA 9; Varsity 10, 11, 12; Cheerleaders 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; National Honors Society 10, 11, 12; Jr. Miss 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Queen 11, 12

Raimie Truman-Forehand

Sunshine 10, 11, 12; FCA 9; SADD 9; Pathfinders 9; Spirit 9; Varsity 11, 12; Softball 9; Powder Puff 11; Art Club 12; Track 11; Basketball 9

Jefferey Vanblaircom

Cross Country 12; Swimming 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

Jason Vanderwoude

FCA 9, 12; Football 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 10, 11, 12; Computer Club 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11

Jamie Vanwienon

Sunshine 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 11, 12; Environmental Action 11, 12

Kenneth Vaught

National Honors Society 11, 12; Computer Club 10, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10

Stephanie Vickery

Sunshine 10; Drama 9

Jason Volter

Travis Walden

Wrestling 9, 10; Baseball 9, 10

Brent Wall

Nathanael Wall

FCA 9; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Computer Club 12

Keith Wallace

Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9; Track 9, 10

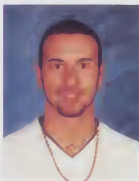
Kenneth "Kasey" Walllesko

Michael Wantola

Football 12

Diane Watson

Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9; BPOA 9; Varsity 10, 11, 12; Manager 9; Wrestling 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11; Foreign Language Club 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9



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Justin Whitaker

Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; BPOA 11; Varsity 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Officers 9; Basketball 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Environmental Action 12

Melissa Will

Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Drama 9, 10; SADD 10, 11, Pathfinders 11; Spirit 9, 10, 11; BPOA 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; National Honors Society 9, 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Environmental Action 10, 11, 12

Rachael Woods

Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9, 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Jr. Miss 12; Foreign Language Club 10



Tiffany Yenchus

Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Mirage-Editor 11, Foreign Language Club 9, 10

Alana Zarembo

Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 11, 12; Manager Track 11; Wrestling 12; Powder Puff 11, 12

Stacie Zeilenga

Sunshine 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; BPOA 12; Cheerleaders 9, 10, 11; Manager 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Pioneerz 10, 11, 12

Nichole Zylstra

Spirit 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10



Forever Young

"Junior year: Wally Kerns, Jamie Groen and I were the water boys for Powder Puff."-**Mike Barnett**

"Going to Dallas, Texas for Cheerleading Nationals."-**Stephanie Cochran**

"Mr. Hamilton showing up at the Pep Session after his accident."-**Junelle Cox**

"When I got my acceptance letter from Purdue North Central."-**Bridget Scott**

"Mr. Post's Summer Econ. Class."-**Ramie Truman-Forehand**

"Tee peeing."-**Tiffany Yenchus**

"Being in Pioneerz and talking to 5th and 6th graders"-**Stacy Zeilenga**

"Having a band program that has reached new heights, conquered various obstacles, and has finally established a name for itself as a family."-**Samantha Del Vecchio**

"Seeing my first touchdown. it was the first score of the football game."-**Noah Forsythe**



Clapping For victory, Steve Schoon and Kevin Getz gather with Seniors and promote the Senior spirit.

Showing her true acting talent, Heidi Bricker center stage performs with Poetry Alive.

Shavonne Abbring
Rich Ammerman
Derek Anderson
Leslie Anderson
Luz Arambula
Erik Armstrong

Janice Armstrong
Brandon Arnett
Eric Atkinson
Danae Bailey
Jennifer Baird
Tina Bakker

Bryan Bakrevski
Eric Banks
Thomas Barcus
Tony Barlog
Cameron Baumgarde
Nick Baumgarde

Jessica Bell
Robert Belstra
Nick Boersma
Melissa Boose
Adam Bristol
Gavin Bristol



Eric Banks & Mina Fritze



Steve Molden



Juniors lead the year with spirit

No longer underclassmen, 250 Juniors were led by the class sponsor, Mr. Hamilton, and the class officers. Officers named in the fall were Jessica Bell--president, Aaron Ketchum--vice president, Rachel Sorba--secretary, and Josh Fernandez--treasurer. Class officers and Mr. Hamilton raised \$400 for Prom at a chicken dinner on October 10. Juniors also paid \$5 class dues to contribute to the Prom fund.

Homecoming week was special for the Junior class. Mina Fritze, the class representative for the third consecutive year, was escorted by Eric Banks. Powder Puff game added to the excitement. Mr. Price and Mrs. Price coached the Juniors to a victory with a final score of 32-12. Juniors went on to win the Spirit Stick at the end of the week. The Spirit Stick has not



Class Officers: Jessica Bell-president, Aaron Ketchum-vice president, Mr. Hamilton class sponsor, Josh Fernandez-treasurer, Rachel Sorba-secretary

been won by the Junior class since 1994.

Prom was conducted on May 1 in the banquet room at Strongbows Restaurant in Valparaiso. This is the

first year that prom was held at a location other than the Expo Center in Valparaiso or the high school gymnasium. All in all, the class of 1999 had a busy and productive year.



Amy Bronski
Luke Bruzan
Keith Buckland
Justin Carden
Joe Cardwell
Hannah Carnell
Tracy Carr
Crystal Carter



Kevin Carter
Sara Castillo
Melissa Cates
Sarah Chalik
Bill Check
Kevin Chevrette
Shirley Clark
Jennifer Claus



Vicky Coffey
Jason Cohoon
Jennifer Colbert
Angela Conover
Michael Cook
Mike Cooley
John Craighead
Sam Crawford



Laura Lea Cripps
Ben Crotteau
Danny Culig
Chrissy David
Duncan Davis
Jay Deardorff
Michael Deboard
Casey Demoss



Eric DeVries
Shannon DeVries
Mandy Dinga
Laura Dowhen
Leo Engelhart
Shawnee Erway



Thomas Fentress
Angela Ferguson
Joshua Fernandez
Rick Fleming
Matthew Forsythe
Nicole Fox



Tom Fox
Jerry Fraley
Mina Fritze
Jacob Gallagher
Jennifer Gardner
James Garrison



Megan Ginzer
Jackie Glad
Fernando Gonzalez
Randall Gooden
Melissa Gott
Joe Gouwens



Gordon Kenser & Jessica Bell

Juniors

Jennifer Granter
Wes Graper
Lindsey Guanajuato
Bill Guisinger
Peter Haan
Adam Habenschuss

Jenifer Hagen
Christopher Halaburt
James Hamstra
Janet Hamstra
Jill Hamstra
Chris Harper



Vicky Cotter & Kevan Myers

Michael Harris
Jim Harvey
David Hass
Adam Hebda
Angela Heid
John Hesterman

Michael Hoffman
Robin Howard
Tara Howard
Wally Howes
Heidi Huckabay
Amanda Ivaseiko

Todd Jacobsen
Amy Jamieson
Summer Johnson
SueEllyn Jones
Trevor Jones
Brad Jonkman
Jakob Jungels
Brian Kaluf

Dan Kamminga
Kristi Kamminga
Brent Kaper
Tiffany Kay
Gordon Keiser
Tony Kendall
Trish Kennedy
Aaron Ketchum

Andrea Ketchum
Jeremy Killian
Amanda King
Sara King
Danny Klemz
Tim Koedyker
Amanda Koen
Anne Koschal

Matt Kovach
Sundae Kubacki
Tonya Kulczyk
Lisa Kutscher
Scan Lapsley
Lyndsay Lauritis
Angela Leek
Flavia Leite



Hannah Carnell & Danae Bailey

What is your favorite club?

Awaiting his cue, junior Matt Kovach provides rhythm for the pep band, one of his favorite clubs.



"FCA- Doughnuts in the morning." Aaron Shelbourne

"Drama- you get to see friends you've made in other places." Kimmy Woods

"Environmental Club--selling stuff for SCROD and then giving them all the money." Shawnee Erway

"Jazz band competition--it's fun to play for crowds in other places." Sam Crawford

"Doing service projects [for Sunshine]. You do something good for people who are less fortunate out of the goodness of your heart." Alicia Wright

"Sunshine is my favorite club because Mrs. Price is the most wonderful sponsor ever!" Summer Johnson

"Pathfinders--we always have a good time at meetings." Jeremy Killion



John Lerner
Richard Love
Christopher Lukasik
Mark Lynn
Crystal Mance
David Marsee



D.J. Mathews
Brendon McDaniel
Amber McIntosh
Melissa Miranda
Steve Molden
Amanda Mullins



Ryan Murck
Clayton Myers
James Myers
Kevan Myers
Michelle Myers
Natsumi Nigawara



April VanKley

Michael Ott
Dawn Patrick
Keith Patrick
Christopher Paul
Ryan Pendergrass
Jennifer Penninga

Jill Peterson
Leila Pollard
Christina Polomchak
Aaron Porter
Emily Prange
Brent Przybylski

Susannah Rawlins
Stacy Recker
Kimberly Rice
Peter Rice
Kelly Rinehart
Judy Rios

Tracy Robbins
Katy Rohder
Eric Russel
Denny Schanlaub
Rebecca Schreiner
Aaron Shelbourne



Noelle Wittlang



Shirley Clark

What qualities do you look for in friends?

"My best friend doesn't act like everyone else. She is her own person." Lisa Kutcher

"The extreme loyalty of knowing they don't talk bad about you." Danae Bailey

"I have to have friends that give me some space." Julie Waddle

Someone with loyalty, things in common with me, fun and that I enjoy being with." Flavia Leite

"I look for honesty, supportiveness, and dependability in a good friend." Nick Baumgarte

"Honesty, integrity, and loyalty." Brent Kaper

"I look at their attitudes toward life or other people." Kimberly Rice



Even the brightest and best minds let go after an AP U.S. History test. Test takers pictured: Jessica Bell, Heidi Huckabay, Gordon Keiser, Jim Harvey, Eric Atkinson, and Aaron Shelbourne.



James Shimi
Colina Shirkey
Jessa Short
Michael Shultz
Anthony Silva
Cheryl Simons
Amanda Sipkema
Carl Skinner

Amber Smith
Craig Smith
Rachel Sorba
Anthony Soto
Nichole Spangelo
Brandy Spaulding
Kenny Speed
Melinda Spenner

Jennifer Spurgeon
Charles Stalbaum
Kelly Stamper
Ryan Stan
Amy Stephens
Mary Beth Sterk
Adam Stevens
Amanda Stevens

Nicole Stotts
Brett Stubblefield
Rob Stubblefield
Jesse Talley
Jonathan Taulbee
Angela Thomas
William Thomas
Christine Thomason

Rachel Toppen
J.R. Tuinstra
Ann VanderMolen
Amber VanKley
April VanKley
Catherine Veden

Dawn Veld
Nathan Venzke
Mandi Vickers
Jeremy Vickery
Julie Waddle
James Walker

Brian Warren
Brian Wiers
Amanda Wilkins
Crystal Williams
Candice Wilson
Justin Wilson
Noelle Willfang
Greg Wireman

Not Pictured:
Amanda Coleman
Matthew Condit
Stormy Conley
George Granter
Mike Kowalsky
Christopher McVey
Jason Sark

Kimberly Woods
Stefanie Woudema
Alicia Wright
Patricia Yaeger
Shannon Yoder
Michelle Yokovich
Shannon Zeese

Sarah Acuncius
Troy Adamezyk
Amanda Alberts
Aaron Albin
Melissa Arambula
Jeremy Armstrong



Annie Peo, Jaime Roy,
Tia Kubacki

Natasha Armstrong
Amanda Atchley
Valerie Bahnert
Brandon Baker
Sarah Bapple
Dennis Barnett



Bridget Barrera
Adam Bauman
Zachary Belstra
Michelle Bennett
Bryan Bougher
Brian Berg



Chad Nally, Sarah Kennedy



Jennifer Berry
Valerie Berry
Karin Bobby
Wes Boege
Erin Boer
Esther Boerner



Karen Bonnema
Charles Buckmaster
Justin Burkhart
Kelly Burroughs
Brandon Caldanaro
Leah Carnell
Candice Carter
Jennifer Carter



Ron Carter
Tim Cavanaugh
Thomas Cheney
April Chester
John Childres
Steve Cochran
Korey Coffey
Travis Combs



James Cooper
Joe Cooper
Sean Corbett
Tara Corbett
Lynette Cornet
Jeremy Croll
Brian Culbreth
Nikole Culig



Brandon Cutlip
Mandi Czapl
Julie Davidson
Heidi DeBoer
Justin Demeler
Tasha DeMoss
Andy Devries
Jennifer DeYoung





PARENTAL CONSENT

There are many aspects of a teenagers life which sometimes depend on a parents consent. This survey was taken by 211 sophomores. It showed how much teenagers age 18 and under believe in what their parents think. Surprisingly most students believe that parents have a choice in what they do.

Parental Consent

Do you think that young people under age 18 should or should not be required to get their parents' consent to....

| | Should | Should not |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Get a credit card | 74% | 29% |
| Get married | 63% | 42% |
| Drive a car | 46% | 53% |
| Stay out after 11:00 | 55% | 46% |
| Smoke cigarettes | 54% | 45% |
| Use birth control devices | 52% | 48% |
| Get ears & body parts pierced | 34% | 72% |
| Dye hair | 32% | 67% |

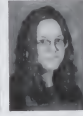
Taking a break from Choir class Sarah Bapple and Nicole VanVuren develop a friendship.



Celina Ditola
Anthony Dixon
Amanda Donis
John Donnowitz
Paul Dudeck
Adam Duggleby



Shannon Earle
Matt Enigenburg
Sarah Enigenburg
Jonathan Ellich
Jilyan English
David Fase



Michael Ferguson
Thomas Ferguson
Sarah Fernandez
Simon Flory
Shayla Foley
Karen Ford



Gale Franklin
Wendy Fry
Kelli Gilbert
Lindsay Glines
Marla Gluth
Jesse Gonzales

Natasha Armstrong



Amanda Grady
Marissa Green
Jeremy Greshaw
Monique Grevestuk
Jesse Gudenschwager
Abby Guisinger

Kathy Gunter
Adam Hamstra
Carly Hamstra
Jamie Hamstra
Rachel Hamstra
Brian Hanewich

Lynn Hanley
Shaun Hardesty
Amber Harper
Nicole Harper
Brandy Havlin
Casey Hayes

Amy Hendricks
Amy Hickena
Tom Hobson
Justin Holland
Zachary Jesko
Micheal Jimenez



Keith Jolink



Troy Nuss



Respect ?

Respect for privacy

How much do you think the following people respect your privacy?

| | 100% | 90% | 80% | 70% | 60% | 50% | 40% | 30% | 20% | 10% | 0% |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Your friends | 20% | 28% | 19% | 10% | 6% | 9% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 19% | 2% |
| Your parents | 11% | 13% | 15% | 14% | 5% | 15% | 7% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 6% |
| Your teachers | 17% | 13% | 19% | 9% | 5% | 11% | 3% | 5% | 1% | 3% | 9% |
| Law enforcement | 23% | 11% | 7% | 10% | 4% | 9% | 1% | 3% | 4% | 7% | 19% |

Friendship was an important part of students activities, Rachell Saltarski and Annie Peo took a minute out of talking for the photo.





Sabrina Jimenez
Jimmy Johnson
Keith Jolink
Jeffery Jones
Tiffany Jones
Brent Jonkman
Danielle Karlowsky
Nicole Kearney



Sarah Kennedy
Robert Kerkes
Casey King
Jennifer Kopf
Sandra Koselke
Ryan Koslovsky
Lori Koutouzis
Arlan Kramer



Abbie Kromenacker
Kristen Kruchowski
Stephanie Krulik
Tia Kubacki
Angela Kuhns
Keith Kulczyk
Rebecca Lambert
Dan Laszlo



Tiffany Lauraitis
Raymond Lawley
Joseph Lee
Jessica Lenz
Keith Lessner
Brian Lilley
Michael Lock
Justin Lowry



Christopher Luzadder
Michael Marion
Aaron Martin
Nicholas Martinez
Denise Matlocks
Rachel McCaulley



Simon Flory

Kelly McKernan
Michelle McKernan
Robert McMillan
Barb Merry
Joshua Miller
Mike Miller



Annie Milutinovic
Deric Mount
Danielle Murray
Lindsay Musch
Gregory Myers
Kaylynn Myers



Steven Myers
Chad Nally
Derek Nannenga
Michele Navoy
Elizabeth Neely
Ryan Niemiller

Monique Grevinstuk, Karen Bonnema

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Heidi Niketh
Troy Nuss
Sean Oatis
Dennis O'Brien
Jeremy O'Brien
Justin O'Brien

Joshua Oliver
Tracy Opolski
Michael Pajkos
Lindsey Pendergrass
Annie Peo
Travis Phelps



Amy Hendricks



Crystal Pittman
Kathryn Pollock
Jake Prairie
Gregory Pressel
Gregorio Pulido
Jessica Ramage



Jeremy Rayner
Ashley Rewerts
Summer Herendeen
Mandi Richards
Caitlin Ritchie
Scott Roclis



Erika Wampler

Bridget Roorda
Ryan Rose
Jamie Roy
Jeremiah Rushmore
Rachell Saltarski
Gregory Schiavone
Heather Schmid
Jake Schoon



Paul Scott
Racheal Sears
Adam Shafer
Sara Shanks



Thomas Sharritts
Nova Shepperd
Jennie Sherman
Christina Shiyan

Tiffany Smith
Mick Snyder
Nicole Sons
Erin Spangelo
Matthew Speagle
Matthew Spurgeon
Lindy Stalbaum
Gina Stevens



Sara Strong
Robert Stump
Jennifer Szabo
David Takacs
Billy Taylor
Jeff Terborg
Brent Terry
Jeni Tillema



Class officers- Front Row: Sarah Kennedy-Treasurer and Marissa Green-Vice President. Back Row: Bill Wisdom-President and Lynn Hanley-Secretary.



Sophomores net success

Sophomore class consisted of 268 students and the President Bill Wisdom. Other officers were Vice President-Marissa Green, Treasurer-Sarah Kennedy, and Secretary-Lynn Hanley.

The sponsor was Mrs. Carey who set the class dues at \$2.00. Jenn DeYoung was the elected Homecoming representative. She was very happy about being elected and she had a very enjoyable evening with her escort Chad VanRiessen. "It was one of the greatest nights of my life," said Jenn.

Another accomplishment for the class was Simon Flory who was chosen as the Hugh O'Brian winner. Students wrote paragraphs on their involvement in school and the community. In his interview Simon discussed his summer as a Canadian camp counselor for street kids. He said, "It was eye opening to see how a kid who could survive on the streets was terrified of simply being alone." Simon spent a weekend at the Hugh O'Brian Seminar in Indianapolis.



Tessa Tilley
Mandi Tognarelli
Melissa Torbitt
Tabitha Townsend
Melissa Trevisol
Steven Trusty
James VanBlaircom
Christine Vann



Chad VanRiessen
Nicole VanVuren
Elizabeth Vargas
David Veldman
Jason Walker
Natasha Wall



Mary Walstra
Randy Walstra
Erika Wampler
Keith Weyhe
Jessica Whitaker
Geoffrey Wilkes



Angela Williams
Jennifer Williams
Tommy Williams
Travis Williams
Andrea Wilson
Billie Wireman
Jeremy Wireman
Bill Wisdom



Not Pictured:
Bob Barton
Dennis Challoner
Frank Challoner
Jeff Peterson
Justin Pettit
Tashia Votava

Brent Womac
Melissa Woolard
Joseph Yaeger
John Yancy
Kelly Zeck
Kelli Zeilenga

Brandi Allen
Nick Allen
Monica Arambula
Lisa Armstrong
Michael Bacon
Chad Bailey



Marc Baird
John Bartolomucci
Amanda Battista
James Bean
Nicole Bean
Dustin Bellinger

Chris Brooker and Bobby Stamper



Barrett Belstra
Ryan Belstra
Kathlene Bennett
Erick Brangan
Noel Brasel
Rheannon Bratcher



Emily Bristol
Christopher Brooker
Tiffany Brubaker
David Brumley
Cynthia Buckland
Ashleigh Burger



Phil Kubacki, Ryan Jalowce,
Shaun Motyka

Freshmen Achieve Success

Class of 2001 achieved many things during the course of the year. Naura Keiser won the red ribbon poster contest hosted by SADD, and Justin Saltarski and Brian Stump earned honorable mention for the Mirage cover contest.

Freshman football team had back to back undefeated seasons with a total of 14-0. On January 23, class officers helped with the blood drive.

Dan Peo, Ari Whitaker, Craig Kruchowski and Marissa Scott won the Freshman Student Council representative spots. Freshmen contributed a float for Homecoming and selected Stephanie DeKock as their Homecoming Princess. No matter where one turned, a freshman was achieving a spot on a varsity squad, filling a job or making a name for him/herself in the classroom.



Class Officers: Erica Hentschel-Treasurer, Jennie Henke-Secretary, Selina Hughes-Vice President, and Jessica Scheidt-President.



Alan Burke
Sara Caldanari
Brianna Caldwell
Nicole Callas
Anthony Cambe
Courtney Cardwell
Kristina Carr
Jamie Carter



Ricky Carter
Amber Casko
Mark Ceglarek
Matthew Chalik
Timothy Challoner
Katherine Chermak
Lydia Clark
Roberta Cobb



Scott Cochran
Matthew Coulter
Ernest Crim
Billy Crowe
Matt Cunningham
Samuel Cutlip
Matt Daniels
Dan Davis



Adam Day
Brandon DeBoard
Stefanie Dekock
Joshua Dometer
Patrick Duxon
Jeffrey Donnowitz
Mike Doyle
Kaci Drzik



Elizabeth Dugger
Fred Duttlinger
Matthew Elnire
Prudence Evans
Anthony Fentress
Kimbra Fieldhouse



Anthony Fink
Jason Fink
Courtney Fleeman
Austin Foresta
Steven Fox
Michael Frederick

Kim Hutchens; Amanda Hoffman



Joshua Gallagher
Jeffrey Garvey
Amanda Gass
Kimberly Goetz
Ana Gonzalez
Stephanie Gordon



Michael Gott
Cory Grandchamp
Alex Graper
Erin Green
Erin Greenlee
Carrie Greshaw



Billy Crowe, Mr. Disney

Ryan Gunter
Nichole Haberlin
Jennifer Hall
Scott Hamstra
Tammy Hardin
Derek Hayes



Erica Marshall

Jennifer Henke
Erica Hentschel
Amber Hesterman
Anthony Hixon
Amanda Hoffman
Bobby Hopkins



Grover Hopkins
Joshua Hubbard
Robert Hudspeth
Selina Hughes
Blake Huke
Kim Hutchens



Brooke Inman
Ryan Jalovec
Alvin Johnson
Radar Johnson
Kim Jonkman
Mindy Jonkman



Heather Odle and Steve Trusty

Nick Jordan
Jill Kaluf
Nicole Kamminga
Craig Karlowsky
Naura Keiser
Jason Kelley
Charles Kent
Todd Klemp



Mark Koppen
Rebecca Kowach
Hollie Kowalewski
Craig Kruchowski
Phillip Kubacki
Matt Kuhn
Chris Kuiken
Brandi Kutscher



Amy Lagestee
Robert Lalonde
Frances Laud
Jessica Leaton
Adam Logan
Elizabeth Lovero
Bryan Luketic
Kalene Lusby



Rudy Mance
Danielle Marlatt
Erica Marshall
Keith Marshall
Chris Martikean
Adam Martin
Kyle Martin
Matthew Matusiak



Bellring out Christmas tunes, Scott Salamah and Stephanie Daugherty enjoy the holiday.



Freshmen fly to the next century

Space flight was the depiction of the world in the year 2001 when freshmen became the first graduating class of the 21st century. For some it is an honor, for others it is nothing special. "I feel very special to be in the class of the 21st century. Our numbers look a little weird, though: class of 01," said Shannon Tackacs.

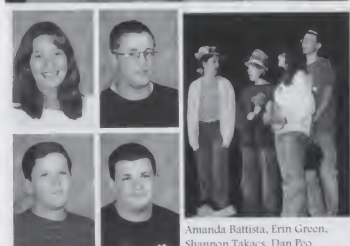
Doug Sekema added, "I think it will be bogus, because we will say yea I rock the century."

Bekah Vallenkamp reiterated, "It's awesome! We can always say we were the first class of the 21st century."

"I think it is going to be radical to be in the next century," said Sam Cutlip. "I think it's awesome that we are the class of the next millenium," said Nichole Haberlin.

"It is wierd that we have to start in 2001, because computers say that our past never existed. I hope they get the glitch fixed before I'm a senior, and in computerallity I've never been born," said Dave Cambe.

Whether it's radical rocket packs or beat up cars that power the class of 2001 to graduation, they will be forever remembered as the first class to graduate in the twenty-first century.



Amanda Battista, Erin Green,
Shannon Tackacs, Dan Pao



Samantha McGhee
Joshua Meeks
Meagan Melton
Scott Messer
Keri Miller
Jamie Mills

Charles Misch
Jacob Misch
Winnetka Molden
Shaun Motyka
Ryan Myers
Chad Nannenga



Brandi Naughton
Ronald Neeley
Joe Neira
Matthew Nelson
Micah Nelson
Stephanie Newbury

Jacob Nimetz
Aaron Nordstrom
Alycia Norman
Jennifer Norman
Joshua Novac
Heather Odle



Courtney Koorda

Joshua Cezer
Jessica Owen
Tia Owens
Kim Paceley
Zachary Pajkos
Brian Farchem

Rachelle Parker
Teresa Patterson
Daniel Pev
David Pirlot
Stephanie Poe
Nikki Pollock

James Poppel
Cayla Prater
Steven Reichert
William Rhoads
Mellisa Richardson
Bianca Rinehart

Dustin Roberts
Vincent Romero
Brock Roorda
Melissa Roorda
Preston Ruby
Jennifer Sabuda



Dane Wright and Lisa Armstrong



Noel Brasel and Matt Etmire

Freshmen voice their opinions

In 1998 Congress tried to propose a law which would link a driver's license to a high school diploma for any teen who had not attained the age of 17 by July of 1998.

Freshmen who would be directly effected by this law were in an almost unanimous agreement that they were against this proposal. Only 5% of the 217 polled freshmen had an opinion. The other 95% directly stated that they wanted their license on the traditional 16th birthday. Here are some quotes that freshmen said about the survey. "What about the people who drop out, they will never get their license," said Roberta Cobb. Craig Kruchowski said, "This really hurts our parents, because then they would have to drive us everywhere."



Front Row: Emily Bristol, Bekah Valenkamph, Mick Snyder. Row 2: Jim Bean, Matt Woods, Nichole Haberlin, Jarid Seegers, Alex Graper, Courtney Roorda, Marisa Scott, Lisa Armstrong. Row 3: Shannon Takaas, Melissa Richardson, Craig Karlowsky, Jennie Henke. Back Row: Mindy Jonkman.



Breck Roorda and Tom Fentress

Not Pictured
Kathrine Bailey
Matthew Bristol
Nathan Bult
Brandon Bulthuis
Dale Bulthuis
Stephanie Daugherty
Arthur Kerns
Neal Ketchum
Josh Lacefield
Craig Lewandowski
Josh Lusby
Melissa Merryman
Reggie Purtlebaugh
Brandon Stanberry

Scott Salasali
Justin Saltarski
Adam Schaper
Jessica Schiedt
Marissa Scott
Douglas Sekema
Jacqueline Shinn
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Brian Stump
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Adam Swafford
Justin Swallow

Shannon Takacs
Daniel Tanner
Matthew Taroli
Jennifer Taulbee
Andrew Thomas
Jamie Tidwell
Jeremy Tilger

Anna Tomkutonis
Timothy Townsend
Nicholas Underwood
Steven Unland
Rebekah Valenkamp
Leah Vandermolten
Jodi Vanderwoude
Amy Vandrunen
Rachelle Vankampen

Alcia Vankley
Robert Veden
Stacy Veldman
Robert Vermejan
Nicole Waddell
Matthew Waddle

Melissa Wagner
Rebecca Weishaar
Ariana Whitaker
Amanda Will
Matthew Williams
Elizabeth Wilson

Nicolas Windlow
Phillip Winter
Jesse Wisdom
Rachel Witt
Matthew Woods
Diane Wright

Stephen Yaeger
Christina Zarate
Jessica Zulasko
Michael Zylstra
Christopher Harris

*D*iscussing her fourth hour class, Junior Jessica Bell takes a few moments to get her idea across during lunch.



*D*uring the last 10 minutes of English class, Sophomore Andrea Wilson goes over Mrs. McKinney's assignment.



*R*eviewing the tape of a radio broadcast from the popular 103.5, Senior Jason Sonntag checks his notes before doing a presentation for Creative Arts Literature.



*L*istening to a school board member's response in Mrs. Brown's class, Freshman Erin Greenlee takes notes to ensure a quality paper.



*P*reparing to announce Senator Richard Lugar, Senior Class President, Tom Barr, shares a short biography of Lugar's life during Government Day at St. Joseph's College on February 18.



Academics

Brings change into the school

From 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m., students and staff alike spent their time here. It was in this facility that the young minds of the school were being shaped, from the Calculus classes they took to understand the use of derivatives, to the art of learning Japanese origami in art.

Students placed a high value on education. Many of the students worked hard to increase their educational levels by taking one of the many college level classes, such as AP English, Biology, Physics, or U.S. History.

Many of the teachers created projects to help in the educational process. Mr. Adams' English classes created cities. Geometry classes had a pumpkin carving contest in which the students carved pumpkins in geometric patterns.

Mind challenges were in as problem solving skills were used not only in bridge projects in physics, but also in Mr. Mulvihill's building technology class where students built a house. Mrs. Moolenaar's Freshman classes completed booklets for next years Freshmen so they would be better prepared for their high school life.

Stressing the importance of a strong body and a strong mind were the achievements of the faculty. Mrs. McKinney received nominations for the Who's Who Hall of Fame and the Eisenhower Grant for work in computers. Mrs. Krejsa, the at risk teacher was awarded KV's nomination for the Reader's Digest Outstanding Staff member award.

Even with all of the lessons and things learned throughout the semesters one thing was left, the camaraderie of students and the faculty that showed that with hard work and belief that it's **all in the K.**

Art



Participating in the bead making seminar, Sara Chalik listens intently.




Scott Altman, Carleen Sutton, and Kiki Kerkilewski enjoy working on their art projects in Mrs. Millers room.



Top: Concentrating, Erica Greenwood shapes the bowl to perfection.
Jessica Holobowski, Rachel Chapman, and Karri Miller show that studying art can be more fun than one may think.

Art Department Goes Graphic



Art department had high expectations and goals. "With the money we raised from the fundraiser, we are planning to buy two Power Macintosh computers, a scanner, and hopefully two printers," said Mrs. Klockow. Grant money from the state is going toward graphic designing computer programs to be used with the new computers. Nuts and candies were sold through Great American Opportunities for the fundraiser.

Several students also participated in Project XL sponsored by Farm Bureau. Three students' projects advanced to the second round of the competition. One of these students, Jessica Bell, commented, "I was really excited! I haven't won any art related

things since fifth grade." Natsumi Nigawara and Hollie Kowalewski were the other two students who advanced. Another project was a violin competition in which something violin-related had to be created. While working on this project, students listened to several types of violin music. Two students, Jessica Bell and Naura Keiser were regional winners and were recognized in Indianapolis.

Other projects completed included plastic canvas, latch hook, masks, polymer-clay jewelry, paper sculptures, baskets, macrame, and dream-catchers. "Job shadowing will be another project used in the future to increase knowledge of the working world," commented Mrs. Miller.



Students were required to write essays in Mrs. Miller's photography class; here, Jon Elch takes notes from a magazine article.

Forming clay, Bill Wisdom learns how to make beads after school.

Business



Calculating her accounting work, Angie Conover carefully checks her figures.



Checking her progress, Alesha Norman makes sure she is properly typing her work during Key-boarding class.




Taking a break, Steve Reichert relaxes for a few moments after completing his time trials during keyboarding.



Working with his group, John Hesterman looks for the answer to the case assigned to him in Business Law.

Above: Following the directions explained to her on her audio tape, Senior Angie Ketchum types the finished procedure during GOL.

Taking Care Of Business



Regardless what a student does after Graduation, he or she will need some business skills. "Business is important," said Mrs. Peggy Tucker, business teacher.

That importance was translated into 16 different offerings in the Business Department. Classes included everything from Historical Notehand to the ever-changing Business Law.

Technology played an important role in the Business Department, which upgraded from typewriters to the use of computers, to teach the students in this vast ever-changing world.

Although technology was important, Mrs. Hornbach, from the International Business College, spoke on the importance of personality to better the student body.

"I think that what Mrs. Hornbach said about personality was good, but being a

Psychology student, I feel that to understand ones own personality, one has him/herself to look at, and truly say "I'm that kind of person," replied Josh Nelson.

Introduction to Business students learned the basics of the business world and things that would affect their every day lives like learning how to balance a checkbook.

In the General Office Lab (GOL) and Advanced Office Lab (AOL) students were able to get hands on experience using computers so that later on they could use these skills in future jobs. To help the students get more experience in this area, students in these classes helped in various places around the school and community by doing secretarial skills and running errands. As a student in Advanced Office Lab, Stephanie Vickery said, "I never knew how to run a computer, and now I do a lot on one."



Reading her assignment, Melissa Trevison tries to comprehend the lesson in front of her.

Trying to figure out a problem, Amber Smith and Amanda Atchley consult with each other to find the answer in Introduction to Business.

English



Laughing to the antics of "Poetry Alive" Jessica Ramage enjoys the presentation.



Mindy Spenner watches the audiences reaction to her performance.



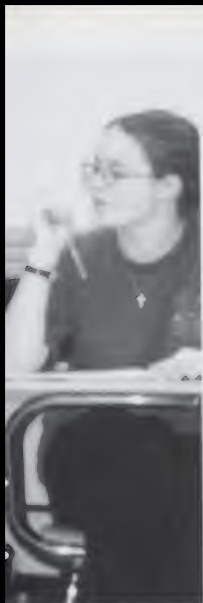
Preparing his speech for Creative Arts, Dan Nannenga quickly writes final notes.



After interviewing school board members, Shannon Takacs reviews her notes.

Above: Preparing material for a group project in Mrs. McKinney's 4th hour class, Tom Hobson, Tia Kubacki, and Kathy Pollock share ideas.

Pupils Capitalize On Variety



Creative Art students scrutinized the lyrics from songs of their favorite music artists, "I thought it was a good experience it helped me to understand the meaning of music better," said Samantha Delvecchio. Creative Art students wrote scripts, and performed little skits in class, "The best part of the class was the actual performing of the skit," replied Becky Fox.

Mrs. Moolenaar's junior class created hand books to warn freshmen of high school pitfalls, "Coming up with the warnings not only made us think but laugh also," explained Mary Sterk. Freshmen were warned about things they should stay away from like teachers who do not like freshmen and classes that are predominately seniors.

First semester "Poetry Alive" joined the English students and performed, on stage in the auditorium. Short poems from famous authors such as Robert Frost were

recited. Students in the crowd joined in on the adventure when they were called as volunteers to the stage to help act in the performance, "It was fun to get up there on stage and watch the audience's reaction," said Jon Hesterman.

Mrs. Steiners drama class performed short skits in the auditorium for fellow English students as final exams, one performance which was also performed for all elementary students was "The Cat In The Hat."

Due to the loss of Assistant Principal Mr. Roland Martin in the middle school, Mr. Osburn's English classes were taught by multiple subs. In the beginning of December the classes were under the care of Mrs. Peele, "Mrs. Peele is a great teacher. She cares, and tries to understand us, it can be hard sometimes," commented Nova Shepperd.



Drifting off into the classic drama **Julius Caesar**. Kelly Zeck anticipates the end.

Exchanging ideas for their play, study buddies Nicole Stotts and Josh Neely realize that English can be rewarding.

Foreign Language



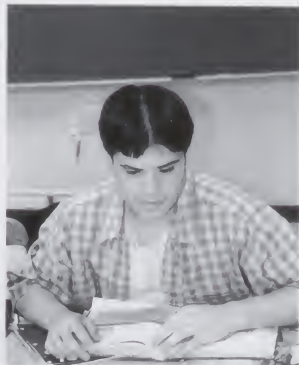
Translating a sentence, Jennifer Brasel looks through her French book for the answers.



Studying her German translations, Christi Carr checks the spelling and conjugation of her work.



Reading her textbook, Susan Hinde, finishes her French assignment.




Preparing a dialogue for German class, Todd Klemp reviews his textbook for translations.



Taking a few minutes before class starts, Spanish student Jim Shinn, reviews his textbook and notes before his test.

Above: Working on their German project, Aaron Nordstrom, Mike Hoffman, and Becky Kovach figure out who will do what in the presentation.

Languages Expand Horizons



Skits, commercials, fashion shows and best of all food fest highlighted the foreign language classes.

Como esta greeted Spanish students as Mrs. Wiseman focused on vocabulary and culture in the oldest program at the high school. Recitation, memorization and application were the best ways to grasp the fast moving romantic language.

Wu bist du? How are you ushered students into Mrs. Masten's multilevel German program. Posters of Germany's beautiful mountains and attractions livened students into learning more about the country which fathered so many inhabitants of Indiana. One day a month the class celebrated birthdays by cooking German desserts for the "Gehurtstag Kinder" - birthday kids'. During the summer Dawn Veld was selected to go to Germany on the IU Honors Program. She spent eight weeks in Krefeld, Germany.

Bon jour, ca va ? How are you? Mrs. Carey cried. French students applied their French through conversation, commercials,

and fashion shows. Third and fourth year classes met during fourth hour. The split schedule had to be arranged so that both years could be taught. Students of the month were Erin Greenlee, and Shannon Takaacs. Third year students that took the IU Honors Program test were Mindy Spinner, Sundae Kubacki, Sam Crawford, and Shelly Myers, who all passed the written exam. Sam and Shelly had interviews, and Shelly was selected as an alternate.

These multilevel courses held a national language day on May 7. On this appointed day, foreign language students were only allowed to converse in their adopted language. This was the fifth year for this innovative project. Language students also shared humorous commercials and stories with middle school students.

From the Northern tip of Germany, through France to the tip of Spain, languages gave the Jasper County community a diversity in culture and language which made their world just a little more diverse.



Listening attentively, Cory Concus, watches speaker Susan Hinde as she tells about the IU honors program.

Watching Mrs. Carey explain the homework, Emily Bristol attempts to understand the concepts.

Home Ec



Entertaining little ones often requires care taker Elena Burnaska to get down to their level.



Preparing one of their many food projects, John Childress and Stephanie Daughriety check measurements before combining all of the ingredients.



Cheering up a little girl may not be easy, as Tammy Engelhart comes to the rescue.



Reading about **The Little Engine That Could**, Leslie Anderson entertains her buddy in Vocational Child Care.

Above: Preparing for finger painting, Nicole Fox helps as Danielle McMunn observes the technique.

Students Go With The Flow

Baking and cooking were really fun," according to Rachele Parker, a student in Ms. Wellmaker's Foods class.

"Students researched different food groups and then each group picked a food from the food group and prepared it," "One week we worked with grains, the next dairy and so forth," explained Ms. Wellmaker.

"We learn the values and ethics of family, and the care and trust that goes into a relationship in Family Health," replied Josh Fernandez. In Family Health students learned the true values of life and the happiness of family, they planned their wedding by estimating costs by choosing a dress, flowers, the reception area and all the other loose ends involved in the plans of a wedding.

Child Development isn't what it used to be. "The students used to carry eggs, at other schools some used 5lb bags of sugar," described Ms. Schoroder about the baby project. Each student enrolled in the first or second semester classes were required to

carry a baby doll that resembles a real life baby. The babies were programmed to cry at all times of the day. "It's getting us ready for our future. Babies don't just cry during the day, they cry at all hours of the day and night," said Nicole Harper.

Students were really challenged in Vocational Child Care. Eight to twelve toddlers were involved in the nursery program. The students interacted with the toddlers by playing educational games with them. Senior Shannon Hancock commented that the class, "was focused and based around the children. Not only were they learning their ABC's they're teaching us patience as well as tolerance and understanding."

Learning the basics about interior and exterior designing and decorating was all part of Housing. "We studied the spacing of furniture and learned how to coordinate furniture in different types of houses. We also learned about the structure of the house itself," replied Nicole Haberlin.



Preparing their assigned meals for that week, Melissa Roorda and Eric Cycak blend each ingredient carefully so that the texture will be consistent.

Cooking up a storm, Steve Cochran and Katy Rhoder prepare their cuisine.

Mathematics



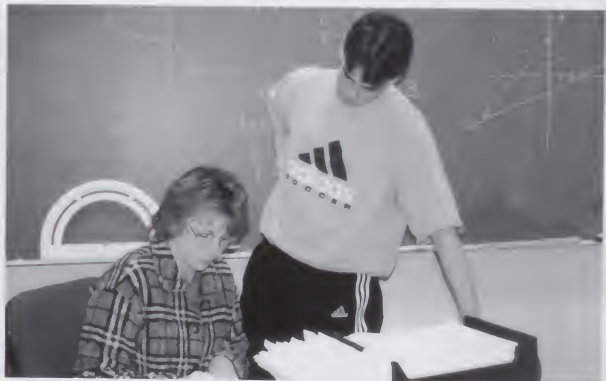
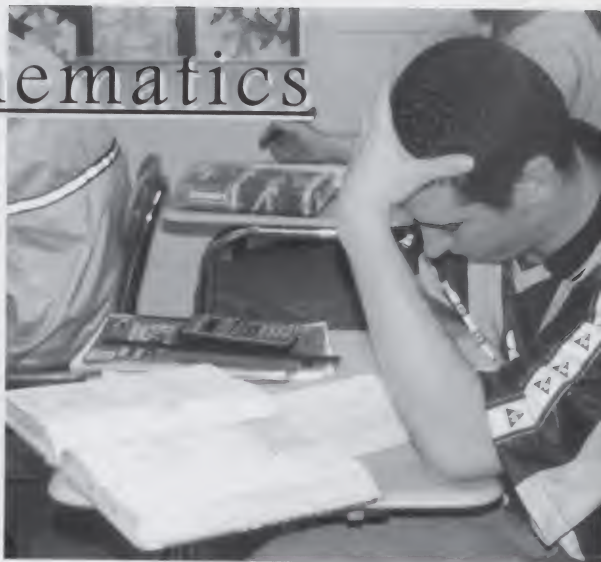
Listening to her Geometry lecture, Elizabeth takes notes given by Mr. Gray to better understand the chapter.



Making sure the group has everything right, Lyndsay Lauraitis Crystal Mance, Brent Przybylski check all their measurements precisely on their pumpkin tessellations




Getting started Justin Carter and Ben Crotteau begin the first step in preparing their pumpkin for carving for Geometry.



Above: Expressing concern, Tom Fentress gets help from Mrs. Roberts.

Trying to figure out his worksheet, Wally Howes looks through the lesson in his book.

Applying Learned Skills



Whether it was the study of derivatives in AP Calculus, or the understanding of tessellations in the Geometry classes, math students had a lot of work cut out for them. Besides keeping up with the daily math lessons, students also memorized equations.

For beginning students, Introduction to Algebra and Algebra were required. Students learned to place emphasis on problem solving and the application of math skills.

Second year algebra students continued on their mathematics education where they learned to solve problems and complicated equations and graphs. "Algebra seems to be easier than it was last year because of Mr. Hostetler. He let us do projects to help us understand math better," said Karen Bonnema.

Math class wasn't all hard work and no play for students. In Mr. Gray's and Ms. Robert's Geometry classes students carved pumpkins in an effort to help them understand

the principles of reflections. When asked what he thought of the pumpkin carving Tom Fentress replied, "It was fun because we got to use different shapes to make different faces. I thought it was a fun and useful way to learn reflections."

Students who wanted more of a challenge in their lives opted for Pre-Calculus and Calculus. "Even though I get a lot of homework in Pre-Calculus, and sometimes the class is hard, and sometimes easy, I truly enjoy the class and Mr. Orsburn as a teacher," replied Sue Ellyn Jones.

During their math careers five senior math students were honored with the Tandy Technology Scholars program for Mathematics, Science, or Computer Science. The following were John M. Jungels-Outstanding Student and Top Two Percent, Laura Norris-Academic Top Two Percent, Susan M. Hinde-Academic Top Two Percent, and Katie E. Abbring-Academic Top Two Percent.



Checking her notes, Erica Marshall makes sure she's covered everything for the homework.

Understanding the problem, Rachelle Sorba works diligently in order to finish her work before the bell rings.

P.E./Health



Learning the front swing allows Ryan Myers an alternate position for badminton competition.



Awaiting the shuttle, Amy VanDrunen learns the correct technique for retuning it before attempting to use a net.




Usually played outdoors, badminton strategies are learned indoors by Matt Daniels in early March.



Showing their drug-free pride, Barb Merry, Naura Keiser, and Nicole Kearney display their posters that they designed for a health assignment.

Above: As the snow flies outdoors things heat up on the gym floor as Ryan Gunter and Tony Dixon practice the basic techniques of Indiana's favorite sport: Basketball.

Students Learn New Skills



Drug posters, AIDS education, basketball, and tennis were just a few of the many things that were accomplished in P.E./ Health classes over the course of the year. Students learned skills on new sports, and they expanded their knowledge on the dangers of smoking and other health related issues.

Health classes were supplied with AIDS information from conventions and meetings. It taught students how the disease was passed and many other things that students did not know. While students were completing the drug abuse unit, they created their own awareness posters. They were put into a contest and winners were Barb Merry and Nicole Kearney. "I liked being creative and it made me feel good to know my art could spread the word about drugs," said Barb. Mrs. Hanley's class did medical career reports. Each student had to pick a medical profession and do a report and speech about it. "I learned a lot about different medical careers and the

reports got me more interested in them," said Christine Spizzirri. Also her class did posters on good and bad stresses.

Besides the medical and health factors of the class, students also had to learn about parenting and family life. They learned about the different skills it took to raise a family and a child and the modern ideas that were being used in family life.

P.E. classes demonstrated health skills by trying out new and different sports. Students participated in such sports as weight training, pickle ball and gymnastics. Weight training was difficult for a lot of students at the beginning. "My muscles were sore and tired at first," said Kalene Lusby. Sports the students probably enjoyed more were the traditional sports of basketball and tennis although dodgeball, volleyball and badminton tied for second.



Giving a good push off the ground, Jeff Garvey demonstrates his back handspring in Physical Education.

Being held up by Diane Wright, Melissa Richardson tries to carefully balance herself.

Science



Getting ready, Keith Weyhe prepares the water for his physical science project.



Calculating their homework assignment are Stephanie Krulik and Kelli Zeilenga.



Not quite understanding the assignment, Brandi Havlin asks Mr. Hamilton for help on the computer problem.



Creating gack by mixing Elmer's glue and Borax, Nick Leskiw completes a playable project.



Top: Holding 900 pounds of calculated weight Blade Jungle bridge is watched closely by Robb Stubblefield.

Students experience life

Bridges, labs, Gak and H₂O were just some of the things that physical science students utilized in order to learn about life's chemical and physical properties. In Physical Science, students had to participate in labs which included the building of bridges and the launching of tennis balls in student designed cannons.

Teachers also taught the relationships and the differences of the two sciences by doing labs. Labs included everything from creating candy to checking the bacteria level of saliva. Some labs included using lab equipment supplied by Valparaiso University. "Physical science is a good class to take because it gets you ready for Physics and Chemistry. Mr. Hamilton makes it a lot of fun, said Barb Merry."

In chemistry, the students learned chemical concepts such as the chemical and physical properties of elements, periodicity, atomic structure, and the mole. Computers and scientific calibrated instruments aided the serious students who evaluated the effect of various chemical combinations as well as having fun with gak and homemade candy canes.

Students also experimented with melting and designing glass tubes. "In chemistry Mr. Martikan let the students have an opinion on what they were going to be learning and how they were going to learn. This was a good experience, and made the class fun and interesting," said Bridget Roorda.

Advance Chemistry picked up where chemistry left off. It was taught at a college level which included extension labs. Honor Chemistry was the same as chemistry, but more challenging, and at a faster pace. AP Chemistry was taught for college credit.

In physics the students learned the basics of physical laws and their application. They first learned about problem solving and then they learned about the physics of heat, light, sound, electricity, and nuclear physics. AP Physics was the first year of college physics. Students who took this class had a chance to take the AP exam available in May. One of the major projects was toothpick bridge building. One of the best bridges was made by John Jungels. His bridge held about 900 pounds of calculated weight.



Pain and pleasure reflect in Ryan Niemiller's face as he collects the pieces of his toothpick bridge in physics.

Working together, Jamie Roy and Annie Multimitch fix the water line for their physics lab.

Science



After finishing his homework, Jim Bean takes time out to have a laugh with a friend.



Standing in a heart at the Museum of Science and Industry, Amy Hendricks, Brandi Havlin, and Tiffany Wireman enjoy the museum exhibits



Working together, Kimmy Woods and Rob Stubblefield find an answer for their question.



Amazed at Mr. Maple's guana, Jake Slatten looks closely at the 6 year old pet.



Top: Thinking hard. Justin Carden helps Brent Kaper on a question in physics.

Students learn about life

Bugs, Bacteria, DNA, and Air Pollution were just some of the things science students studied through academics and field trips as they learned about life.

Applied Biology/Chemistry (ABC) class was for students who were interested in a vocational or technical career. They learned the applications of how biology and chemistry are important to life.

Microbiology focused on microscopic organisms such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, and protozoans. The students did many labs using a microscope to see many of the tiny organisms. Mammalogy was a class that studied mammals and how humans fit into the animal classification system. Some classes had to dissect the fetus of a pig.

Biochemistry was a lab class in which one learned about cells and energy needed to work those cells. Students also had to participate in labs. AP Chemistry was a class of college level biology.

Hands on experiences helped the learning process. Mr. Maple had a room full

of animals and plants. One was a pair of Iguanas which ate vegetables. They loved dandelions and once in a while a finger. (Joke) When summer came, Mr. Maple took them home where they had a cage outside. Although the female iguana laid 16 eggs, they never hatched. Since then she hasn't laid any.

Salmonella, a major problem with iguanas, was solved by washing hands a lot. "Many kids are afraid of them," said Mr. Maple, "They are so big that they don't trust the iguanas. 'Iguana's whip their tails in defense, and it stings.'" Students pet them by reaching into their pen. Mr. Maple bought them for \$25 at a Merrillville pet store.

Other than the Iguanas Mr. Maple had a hamster, gerbils, salt water fish, and a salt water crab. During the power outage and snow storm they all survived. "The bigger they get, the more they cost to feed. I'm not afraid to go anywhere when I take the iguanas Spike and Brutus. Good ice breakers at parties. They never forget my birthday," said Mr. Maple.



Hoping to find an answer, Angie Kulins uses the computer to work on a science problem.

Working together, Christine Spizarni, Tia Kubacki, and Brandi Havlin utilize team skills in science.

Social Studies



Waiting patiently, Kyle Hamstra looks forward to talking to Katie Wolfe on Government Day.



Working diligently, Amy Bronski finishes up her U.S. History.



On Government Day, Mattie Cobb, Amanda Mullins and Sara King cheer on the speaker.

Above: Showing their thoughtfulness in helping others, Mr. Lewis's class collects items for the Battered Womens Shelter.



Reviewing a World History chapter, Michelle Bennett, Mandi Czapla and Deric Mount prepare for a test.

Students Get Involved

History was normally a class which students considered boring. However, they were proved wrong by many projects and new experiences such as the study of current events and political platforms.

Loud cheers were heard from the seniors and some juniors who attended St. Joseph's College Government Day which was held on November 12. Students were able to hear from U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, Congressman Steven Buyer, and Indiana Senator Katie Wolfe. After the question and answer sessions with the main speakers, students went to sessions featuring local politicians. "I was able to see what a political rally was like and how many people support politicians," said K.C. Walleske.

U.S. History classes spent their time writing many types of essays which surveyed the Rights Movements and struggles which the United States has faced.

Aside from studying only history, World History students also spent time on geography. They took quizzes and were expected to be able to locate various places on a map. They were also expected to work in groups to design their own world maps. They had to label all countries, cities and bodies of water. "I think that doing the world maps helped me to learn the location of many different places," said Mandi Czapla.

Economic students were required to keep a portfolio which included information about the stock market and interest rates. Through this course students were able to see the importance of saving money at a young age. They also determined the savings on the difference of a long term house loan and a shorter 15 year mortgage which currently went for a low of 6.75 percent. Due to low inflation, home interest rates held steady throughout the year.



Showing political support on Government Day, Mr. Hoover talks to Congressman Steven Buyer.

Awaiting the response of their teacher, Mark Koppen, Shannon Takacs, Ryan Belstra, Mike Zylstra and James Poppel grade their homework.

Technology



Proving its not just a male world, Heather Heide is hard at work..



Shane Lacey perfects the fine art of dove tailing.




Craig Smith listens closely to Mr. McDowell in Woods class.



Putting a smooth finish on a wood project, Nick Baumgarle sands his work.

Above: Mr. McDowell coaches Kenny Kapella on the fine points of wood shaping.

Working to Succeed



Reading, writing and arithmetic were not the only classes that one could have taken that were educational. There were Technology classes that could have helped one learn more about life to help squeeze one through it. Some say one learns better from the hands on experience than one does from a book. "You work and learn faster when you get to actually do the work instead of just reading," said Senior Mike Wantola.

"Fun" was one word which summarized the feeling of over 80 of the technology students who answered a survey about their respective class. "These classes are both fun and challenging, more people can benefit from the classes than they think," said Junior Steve Molden.

Some of the many challenges that these teens had to overcome were frustration, a lack of patience, listening to others suggestions, developing decision making

skills, and dealing with mistakes.

In this male dominated area, females were found predominately in CAD (Computer Architectural Drafting) but rarely found in welding. "Being the only girl was rough. I felt that I had to be the best to prove that girls can do a 'Guy' job just as well and most of the time better," replied Senior Veronica Madden.

Many of the Tech classes were used to help improve the school and repair things. Some classes repaired desks, they fixed the tennis court and also replaced the goal posts on the football field. Mr. Inman's classes replaced the landscaping outside of the pool.

So take it from Freshman Rheannon Bratcher, "If you like to learn about life, and environment take this class (Intro to Agriculture) to have fun." Agriculture classes are not just for farmers, they also help someone in just about any kind of career.



Before exiting the program, Eric Atkinson makes sure he has everything saved.

Concentrating on the computer, Robert McMullan and Jason VanderWoude finish their work.

Technology



Jeff Vanblaircom stands proudly with his finished project.



Dan Siphema cuts the metal for the chimney attachment.




Mike Wantola and Scott Kearney are grinding and sanding the metal posts to perfection.



Keith Wallace: saws the base board for the Building Trades house.

Above: George Hamstra stains the trim for the inside of the project house.

Building Up Dreams



Designing one's own dream house in Architectural Drafting allowed a student to see how much it would cost to build a house as well as how changes increased the cost. The average cost of a house was \$75 to \$80 per sq. ft. (not including the land). "We get to use our own ideas in creating the designs of houses," said Senior Colleen Donohoe.

In Building Trades class Mr. Mulvihill chose a lot at Valley View Estates on which to build a house. For three school hours the teens finished as much of the house as they could. "Everything you do (in this class) is a challenge; nothing is easy," said Senior Dave Stahl. Each student got to choose what kind of work he wanted to do on the house. Towards the end of the year the workers were frustrated because they were running out of time. The teens liked this class because it taught them everything they needed for the future. "It teaches you

a lot about the way a house is built, and I will need it in the future," replied Senior Mark Lagestee. Mr. Mulvihill said they planned to sell the house for \$114,900. Landscaping for the outside of the house was done by the Agriculture classes.

Fences, horse trailers, a small train depot, and chairs were some of the things built in Vocational Welding class. "You can learn a lot about the welding industry, and it's a lot of fun trying different things," was what Sophomore Jeff Terborg said about this class. Senior George Hamstra said, "It is a good chance to get real-life experience in a school setting."

If someone had a dream house to build, or a car to fix then he/she should have taken a Tech class. Tech classes could help one to reach those dreams. Many people found success in Technology fields which helped them through their lives.



On the work site at Valley View, Andy Studer searches for the supplies he needs to finish his job.

Banging and shaping, Ryan Magalos is making a shovel.

*F*alling back on her pivot leg, Heidi Niketh checks her swing at Sandy Pines Golf Course.



*R*eadying for the next play, Jason VanderWoude watches for signals from his father and coach in the final game of his high school career.



*T*aking a photo for the Kougat Illustrated, Justin Carter is assured that record breaking efforts like his will get mentioned in the winter sport magazine.



*C*limbing to a Sweet 16 berth in tennis put Doug Ruehl in a class by himself.



*P*reparing for his match at Sectionals, Senior Tom Swafford talks with Coach Prochno about the strategies he will use.



Creating

High standards for the future

One of the many activities that played an important role for students and staff extra-curricular activities was sports. Between practice and games, athletes were very busy.

Many of the school's athletes created a high standard for themselves during the sports season. For instance, Senior Doug Ruehl was the first person on the boy's tennis team to compete at state where he placed in the Top 16. It was also the first time for the girls golf team to place third in Sectionals and compete at Regionals where they placed 8th.

Senior wrestler, Tom Swafford beat Mark Childress of Lowell at both Sectionals and Regionals. At Semi-state at Crown Point he beat Ryan Gibson of South Bend Riley, and qualified for State where he was defeated by Bryan Wurm of Bellmount.

It wasn't just the students who excelled. Girl's basketball Coach Frank Ginzer won his 100th game on January 22 at River Forest. Wrestling Coach Walt Prochno in his 22nd season was inducted into the IWCA (Indiana Wrestling Coaches Association) Hall of Fame on February 22. He held a record of 227-106 dual meet victories, 11 sectional titles with 6 titles in a row, 9 time champions of NWHC, 10 regional champions, and 10 state finalists.

Athletic director Mr. Richard McEwan announced his retirement. He has been working in various capacities with the school for 25 years.

All in all it was a good year for teams who proved in their good and bad times that with togetherness and support from one another, it was **all in the K.**

Pain, Pride, & Glory

Cross country runners are notorious for working hard and doing well as a team as well as individuals.

"The boys' team did extremely well. we dominated the conference meeting, attained a sectional title and regional title, and did well at all of our invites," said Coach Prochno.

They defeated Lafayette Jefferson for the second year in a row at regionals. Jay Deardorff and Simon Flory finished as the top two runners. They advanced them to semi-state. They attacked it at New Prairie with determination, but fell short on the cold, muddy ground, and didn't make it out.

"The girls' had a relatively solid season considering the nagging injury that eliminated Kristen Kruchowski, the #2 runner's scoring potential, and really pushed us way down in the team scoring at our major meets," replied Coach Prochno when asked about the girls' efforts.

Senior, Alesha Studer, was the #1 performer for the Lady Kougars and was backed up by Mandi Czaplá and Erin Greenlee competing for the #2 spot. They advanced to regionals with a bright outlook. Studer, Czaplá, and Greenlee ran solid placing 9th, 18th, and 24th out of 72 runners. KV trailed Rensselaer by two but beat out Lafayette Jeff to advance to semi-state at New Prairie.

Lady Kougars came out strong at semi-state but placed 19th, ending their season with a new meaning to the word, teamwork.

Boys Award winners were Captain-Justin Shafer, Rookie of the year-Keith Marshall, Academic Award- Brent Kaper, Mental Attitude-Jay Deardorff, Most Improved-Brent Kaper, Most Dedicated-Simon Flory

Girls Award winners were Captain-Alesha Studer, Rookie of the year- Erin Greenlee, Academic Award-Mandi Czaplá, Mental Attitude Award-Kristen Kruchowski, Most Improved-Mandi Czaplá, Most Dedicated-Alesha Studer

Sprinting to the finish at the KV Invite, the race. senior captain, Justin Shafer, completes



KOUGAR SCORES

BOYS' vs.

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| LaPorte Invite | 2nd | Highland Invite | 3rd |
| McCutcheon | 1st | Logansport Invite | 1st |
| Pike | 5th | KV Invite | 2nd |
| Kouts Invite | 1st | Lafayette Jeff Invite | 3rd |
| Rensselaer Invite | | NWHC Meet | 1st |
| N.White W. Central | 3rd | Lake Central Invite | 2nd |
| New Prairie Invite | 3rd | Sectional | 1st |
| Winamac, N.J., Rensselaer | | Regional | 1st |
| 1st | | Semi-State | 10th |

GIRLS' VS.

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| LaPorte Invite | 4th | Highland Invite | 6th |
| McCutcheon | 3rd | Logansport Invite | 5th |
| Pike | 11th | KV Invite | 4th |
| Kouts Invite | 2nd | Lafayette Jeff | 9th |
| Rensselaer Invite | | NWHC | 3rd |
| N. White, W. Central | 1st | Lake Central Invite | 3rd |
| New Prairie Invite | 7th | Sectional | 3rd |
| Winamac, N.J., Rens. | 2nd | Regional | 5th |
| | | Semi-State | 17th |

Freshman rookie, Erin Greenlee, strives to pass the Spartan

opponent to claim 5th at conference.



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"Mr. Prochno gave me much needed inspiration & experiences I will never forget," Keith Wallace.



"We always cheer for each other & try to help each other out by giving advice," Mandi Czaplá.



"I would say it would be extremely difficult to find many more people on any other team that are any tougher or have more heart than us," Brent Kaper.



"This year we really pulled together & worked hard as a team to accomplish our goals," Kristen Kruchowski.



ABOVE IS THE Girls' team: Front Row: Alesha Studer, Liz Vargas, Mandi Czaplá, Mindy Jonkman, Kristen Kruchowski. Back Row: Coach Prochno, Jennifer Norman, Erin Greenlee, Tracy Opolski, Manager Lynn Hanley, Coach Norwine.

Upper left: BOYS' TEAM: Front Row: Keith Wallace, Jay Deardorff, Arlan Kramer, Justin Shafer, D. Andrew Nannenga. 2nd Row: Coach Prochno, Keith Marshall, Brent Kaper, Simon Flory, Randall Gooden, Coach Norwine. Back Row: Jeff Van Blaircom, Charlie Stalbaum, Kyle Hamstra, Ryan Koslovsky, Jeff Terborg.

Left: Practicing really hard pays off for teammates Randall Gooden, Kyle Hamstra, Jeff Terborg, Arlan Kramer, Jeff VanBlaircom, & Charlie Stalbaum.



WITH THE DEFENSE closing in, Jon Holman scrambles for the first down.

"Hut, hut, HIKE!!"

"Tricksters" is now an appropriate name for the Kougars who ran such plays as the "Okie" and the "Slicer".

"Slicer" was a fake field goal play in which the placer pulled back the snap before the kicker kicked it. The placer then did a behind the back hand-off to the player running behind him. That player then had the option to either run or pass the ball. "We used that play against North Newton to score a two-point conversion," commented Coach McDowell. He added, "We took it from LaForte who ran it for a touchdown against us."

The other play was the infamous "Okie". The "Okie" was experimented by the eighth grade football coach who took it from a book of trick plays. The book included three ready-to-run plays. The team then developed three more of their own. "We worked on these plays for about three weeks before we decided to unleash them. We used it to score 42 of our 193 points," stated McDowell. The play came from Oklahoma University when they ran it against Maryland in the Sugar Bowl.

Getting to the team, they finished at 5-5 with a loss to Gary Wirt in the first game of the Sectionals. When the shooting at Horace Mann took place, Dr. Lewis was planning on making the Kougars forfeit their game against Gary Wirt. He didn't want to endanger the safety of the players. Coach McDowell responded, "It was a critical part of the season. The whole incident took the focus off the Twin Lakes game. I thought the shooting was a random act." The lack of concentration showed up, which allowed Twin Lakes to win 42-9.

Lance Culp thought, "Our season went all right, but I thought we would do better than 5-5. About the shooting, I didn't think we would have to forfeit the game. If we would have, I would have been upset. We knew if we played as bad at Gary Wirt as we had at Twin Lakes, we would lose and it would have been a long night. We had to play well."

Award winners for Varsity were Most Improved Offense-Kyle Hanley, Most Improved Defense-Matt Spurgeon, Most Valuable "O" Line-Chris Dixon, Most Valuable "D" Line-Jeff Misch, Mr. Defense-Chris Scott, Mr. Defense-Tom Swafford, Mr. Offense-Lance Culp, Rookie of the year-Jeremy Swallow, Kougars Pride (Mental Attitude)-Dave Hancock



KOUGAR SCORES

| JV | vs | Varsity vs | |
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| 12 | Boone Grove | 04 | 98 Boone Grove 12 |
| 69 | Union Twtnshp | 34 | 95 Union Twtnshp 23 |
| 33 | Kouts | 58 | 98 Kouts 87 |
| 98 | North Newton | 17 | 87 North Newton 11 |
| 54 | Rensselaer | 12 | 85 Rensselaer 45 |
| 79 | Winamac | 78 | 43 Winamac 23 |
| 84 | Tri - County | 02 | 56 Tri - County 02 |
| 22 | Gary Wirt | 24 | 78 Gary Wirt 00 |

AFTER A HEART breaking loss, Brandon Caldanaro helps pack up the kicking equipment.



F O O T B A L L



Lance Culp
905 yards rushing
13 TD's
1 for 1 passing
10 yards 1 TD
100 yards receiving



Justin Carden
425 yards rushing
4 TD's
29 yards receiving
21 solo tackles
2 INT's



Brent Przybylski
26 for 87 passing
346 yards
9 INT's
4 TD's



"If only I could be more like Tricia," Angela Thomas.



ABOVE: RUNNING FOR the first down marker, Justin Carden tries to out move the awaiting defensemen.

UPPER LEFT: Front row: Tim Coffey, Ryan Niemi, Brandon Baker, Sean Corbett, Jeremy Croll, Adam Hamstra, David Veldman, Matt Spurgeon, Anthony Dixon, Brian Berg. Second Row: Jeremy Wireman, Brandon Caldanaro, Ray Lawley, Adam Duggeby, Tom Hobson, Zach Jesko, Troy Nuss, Greg Schiavone, Steve Myers. Third Row: Aaron Ketchum, Cameron Baumgart, Jon Northcutt, Bill Gussinger, Ryan Pendergrass, Aaron Porter, Brent Przybylski, Justin Carden, Matt Forsythe. Forth Row: Mike Schultz, Ryan Stan, Josh Norman, Mike Wantola, Jeremy Swallow, Jake Statton, Jon Holman, Lance Culp, Chris Scott, Dave Hancock. Fifth Row: Brian Culbreth, Kyle Hanley, Jeff Musch, Darren Dase, Chris Dixon, Kenny Kapella, Tom Swarford, Kasey Wallleske, Noah Forsythe. Back Row: Tracy Robbins, Coach John Carlson, Coach Bill Pete, Head Coach Shawn McDowell, Coach Joe Morehouse, Coach Lane Lewallan, Ashley Rewerts, Jilyan Englich

Far Left: INTENSLEY EYING opponent, Aaron Ketchum contemplates his next move.

Flawless Freshmen

Going undefeated was one of the excellent qualities that accompanied the 8-0 Freshmen Kougars. Through hard work and determination, Freshman team continued the success from their previously undefeated season.

With only 209 yards passing, one might question the caliber of teams the freshmen played. When mentioning teams like LaPorte, Lake Central, and Lowell, one might wonder how the Freshmen overcame team after team. The answer lay in 1,601 yards rushing accompanied with 28 touchdowns. The defense also helped tremendously recovering 13 fumbles, one for a touchdown. Combined with 14 interceptions of which two went back for touchdowns, special teams also contributed with two kickoff returns which were run back for touchdowns by Mark Koppen.

Coach McKay commented, "Every coach sets team goals, and given that talent we knew the team had coming into the season, one of our goals this season was to go undefeated. These kids were undefeated as 8th graders, and we felt that we could continue this success. We beat a very good 5A LaPorte team, a decent 5A Lake Central team, we beat Lowell twice, and we beat a previously undefeated Highland team the last game of the season." Coach McKay added, "Regardless of the success of the team, you always have to find places to improve. Our biggest struggle was to play consistently well."

Coach Gray commented, "I am very proud of these guys for what they have accomplished. Each week they worked hard and accepted the challenge. This was a fun group to work with, because they didn't care who got the credit."

Award winners were Mr. Offense-Mark Koppen, Mr. Defense-Radar Johnson, Most Valuable "O" Lineman-Tony Fentress, Most Valuable "D" Lineman-Phillip Kubacki, Most Improved-Andrew Thomas, Kougars Pride (Mental Attitude)-Matt Matuziak

HELPING FELLOW DEFENSEMAN Jon Holman, Matt Spurgeon charges toward the Twin Lakes back.

RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FOR a leg injury, Aaron Porter is watched by teammate Justin Carden.



KOUGAR SKORES

| JV | Vs. | Freshman | Vs. | |
|----|--------------|----------|-----|----------------|
| 12 | Highland | 22 | 22 | Lake Central 0 |
| 14 | North Judson | 8 | 22 | LaPorte 6 |
| 0 | Rensselaer | 6 | 26 | Lowell 18 |
| 8 | Lowell | 6 | 34 | Rensselaer 0 |
| 6 | Griffith | 26 | 36 | North Newton 0 |
| 22 | Lake Central | 22 | 26 | Lowell 18 |
| 0 | Twin Lakes | 16 | 30 | East Chicago 0 |
| | | | 28 | Highland 20 |



F O O T B A L L



Mark Koppen
1062 yards rushing
3 kickoff returns
168 yards; 2 TD's
2 Fumble recoveries
2 INT recoveries



Matt Matuziak
24 for 43 passing
209 yards
1 TD; 5 2-pt. conv.
3 INT's; 1 INT recovery



Radar Johnson
288 yards rushing
4 TD's
6 kickoff returns
90 yards
1 Fumble recovery



Brandon DeBoard
22 yards rushing
79 yards receiving
4 INT recoveries
2 2-pt. Conversions



ABOVE: BREAKING THROUGH the opponent's offensive line, two Kougars defensemen pressure the opposing quarterback.



UPPER LEFT: FRONT ROW: Radar Johnson, Matt Matuziak, Fred Duttlinger, Adam Martin, Shaun Motyka, Scott Messer, Matt Cunningham, Chris Brooker **Row Two:** Coach McKay, Jake Nimetz, Andrew Thomas, Adam Day, Phillip Kubacki, Alex Graper, Joe Neira, Brandon DeBoard, Adam Swafford, Nick Windlow, Coach Grey. **Back Row:** Craig Karlowsky, David Brumley, Alvan Johnson, Pat Dixon, Tim Challoner, Tony Fentress, Matt Bristol, Blake Huke, Mark Koppen.

LEFT: SHIFTING TOWARD the weak side, the offensive line plows through the opposing defensive men making a hole for oncoming running back Lance Culp.

Kicking for a goal

Improving on last year, Boys Soccer team forged ahead to a 6-6-3 record. Bryan Bakrevski commented, "We tried our hardest despite lack of experience and organization" He added, "Even though we've had problems, we're still grateful for his (Mr. VanderWoude's) establishment of the team."

Tom Fentress said, "I think our soccer season was successful because this was the first .500 season as a Varsity team. Our team played well together, and it showed in our scores. It would have been nice to win Sectionals because we worked so hard to get where we were."

Star goalie Jason VanderWoude commented, "We played a lot of hard teams. They were teams that were highly ranked and had a lot of skill. I enjoyed playing these last three years with my dad as the coach. It's really hard to know I will never play for him again."

Coach VanderWoude exclaimed, "We didn't do bad for only our second season. Our hardest fought game had to be against Hobart. We tied them 5-5. This was our best season."

"As for the JV team, our hardest fought game was against East Chicago. We lost 3-2." added Coach VanderWoude. JV ended their

season 2-9.

Award winners for Varsity were Sportsmanship-Jake Schoon, Overall Soccer Skills-Jason VanderWoude, Mr. Hustle Award-Steve Schoon, Speed and Ball Control-Jason VanderWoude, Mental Attitude-Mike Bozell, Most Dedicated-Jason VanderWoude, Most Improved-Wes Graper, Shooting Accuracy-Sean Oatis

Award winners for JV were Overall Soccer Skills-Phil Winter, Mr. Hustle Award-Matt Kovach, Mental Attitude-Mike Frederick, Most Dedicated-Josh Demeter, Most Improved-Craig Kruchowski



First for everything

Beginners luck wasn't the case for the first year Lady Kougars Soccer team. Even though they suffered a 0-12-2 record, captain Helen Hicks commented, "It was a lot of fun and a good experience. Even though we had a bad record, the team improved a lot."

The players were happy about the organization of the team. Commenting on this, Rachelle VanKampen said, "Being in soccer was a very good experi-

ence. I had a lot of fun. I can't wait 'till next year."

Agreeing with Rachelle, Lydia Clark answered, "I thought the soccer season went really well. It was a lot of fun and hard work. I look forward to next season."

"As they go, they keep improving. They're willing to work hard and learn. I think they will be tough" commented Coach Cindy Musch-Post News

Captain Helen Hicks commented, "It was a lot of fun and a good experience. We could have had more basic skills taught with more conditioning."

Award Winners were Helen Hicks-Most Valuable Player, Barrett Belstra-Most Improved Player, Kim Fieldhouse-Most Improved Player, Kimmy Woods-Desire and Determination Award, Rebecca Hartzler-Mental Attitude Award.

KOUGAR SCORES

| | |
|------------------|----|
| 8 Hammond | 2 |
| 3 E.C. Central | 10 |
| 2 Wheeler | 2 |
| 2 Winamac | 2 |
| 4 Culver Comm. | 3 |
| 5 Hobart | 5 |
| 3 Lowell | 6 |
| 4 Benton Central | 2 |
| 1 Wheeler | 2 |
| 2 Highland | 6 |
| 3 Gavit | 1 |
| 3 Marq. Cath. | 5 |
| 4 Marq. Cath. | 4 |
| 3 Mich. City | 1 |
| 2 Mich. City | 1 |
| 2 Bishop Noll | 8 |

SUFFERING IMMENSE PRESSURE, Jason VanderWoude deflects a ball with the aid of Mike Bozell and Steve Schoon.



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"Our soccer season was a lot of fun and a good experience. Even though we had a bad record, the team improved a lot." -Helen Hicks

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"I thought the soccer season went really well. It was a lot of fun and hard work. I look forward to next season." -Lydia Clark

C

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"I thought we had a very good season. For a beginning team just getting started. I thought we did great." -Jake Schoon

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"Our soccer season was successful because this was our first .500 season. Our team really played well together." -Tom Fentress



KOUGAR SKORES

Girls vs.

| | | | |
|----------------|----|---------------|----|
| 1 Culver Comm. | 8 | 2 McCutcheon | 2 |
| 1 Hammond M. | 2 | 2 Hammond M. | 2 |
| 0 Lafayette J. | 7 | 0 Michigan C. | 10 |
| 1 Wheeler | 5 | 0 Boone Grv. | 7 |
| 0 Bishop Noll | 11 | 0 Andrean | 3 |
| 0 Wheeler | 7 | 1 Portage | 8 |
| 0 Marquette C. | 3 | | |
| 0 Griffith | 8 | | |

UPPER LEFT: FRONT Row: Kimmy Woods, Lydia Clark, Annie Peo, Rachael Woods, Helen Hicks. Row Two: Nichole Van Vuren, Rachelle Van Kampen, Barret Belstra, Angie Williams, Jennifer Szabo, Kathy Gunter, Sandy Koselke, Sarah Bapple. Row Three: Coach Connie Fieldhouse, Jodi VanderWoude, Kim Fieldhouse, Lynette Cornett, Jen Kopf, Mandy Dinga, Alicia Wright, Bekah ValenKamph, Becca Hartzler, Coach Cindy Musch.



LEFT: FRONT ROW: Josh Demeter, Robert Hudspeth, Craig Kruchowski, Doug Ruehl, Jason VanderWoude, Tom Sherrits, Justin Demeter, Bryan Bakrevski, Deric Mount. Row Two: Matt Entire, Ryan Gunter, Chris Lukasik, Mike Frederich, Sean Otis, Wes Graper, Walley Howes, Phil Winter. Back Row: Coach VanderWoude, Tom Fentress, Mike Bozell, Steve Schoon, Kevin Carter, Brad Murray, Jake Schoon, Matt Kovach, Jim Bean, Bill Wisdom.

Spiking to Victory

Ranked seventh in the state at season opener, the Lady Kougars debated a tough rebuilding season with the leadership of seniors, Jill Spurgeon and Jen Wians. "It's so hard to comprehend that all your years of working hard comes down to one final game-your last! And when it's over it's over. Nothing more, nothing less," commented Spurgeon.

Team worked hard to reach its goal of advancing to state. Coming close last year, the desire and intensity was even higher. "The intensity can be too high at times which can be good or bad, but they have to realize it can take out or bring them into the game. Players have to find the medium," said Coach Price.

Before each game, they pumped each other up with a prayer and a poem. "By the middle of the season we all had it memorized. We would yell out the parts we really liked. It was great!" commented Jill Peterson, first-time setter. The crowd also pumped them up by shouting cheers.

Hebron Hawks were a tough match for the Kougars. They came out strong but fell short, 15-11. Everyone stepped up and dominated the next two matches, 15-10 and 15-13.

Lady Kougars went 5-1 in their conference, losing to an arch rival, North Judson. Both teams refused to give up. KV lost, 9-15. Girls went into the next match more determined to destroy the Lady Jays but failed, 3-15.

Season's end came down to KV hosting sectional. Kougars faced Twin Lakes Indians for the opener, but lost in two matches.

Varsity Award winners were Captain-Jill Spurgeon, Captain-Jennifer Wians, Captain-Stacy Recker, Most Assists-Jill Peterson-469, Most Kills-Stacy Recker-242, Best Passing Jill Spurgeon, Most Solo Blocks-Jen Baird-55, Best Serving Percentage-Stacy Recker-93%, Kougars Pride Award-Jen Wians, I.M.P.A.C.T.-Jessica Bell

JV Award winners were Best Passing Percentage-Jamie Hamstra-81%, Most Kills-Emily Bristol-56, Most Assists-Danielle Karlowsky-103, Best Serving Percentage-Danielle Karlowsky-93%-41 aces

Freshman Award Winners were Kougars Pride-Tiffany Brubaker

At Sectionals, Lady Kougars, Jill Peterson & Stacy Recker defend the net

by rejecting Twin Lakes attempts.



KOUGAR SCORES

Varsity Vs.

| | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| River Forest | 15-4, 15-5 |
| Morgan Twp. | 15-3, 11-15, 15-8 |
| Wheeler | 15-4, 11-15, 15-8 |
| LaPorte | 5-15, 8-15 |
| Peru | 15-4, 15-7 |
| Plymouth | 10-15, 13-15 |
| Tri-County | 15-3, 15-5 |
| Hebron | 11-15, 15-10, 15-13 |
| Lake Station | 15-1, 15-3 |
| South Central | 15-12, 16-14 |

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Bishop Noll | 15-9, 7-15, 3-15 |
| Valparaiso | 16-14, 17-15 |
| North Newton | 15-9, 15-13 |
| South Newton | 15-2, 15-1 |
| Andean I | 8-20, 5-15 |
| Plymouth | 8-15, 15-11, 15-7 |
| Michigan City | 15-10, 10-15, 13-15 |
| Merrillville | 15-4, 8-15, 5-15 |
| Rensselaer | 15-8, 15-9 |
| Crown Point | 15-9, 15-13 |

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| North Judson | 9-15, 3-15 |
| Portage | 15-3, 15-0 |
| Knox | 15-1, 15-1 |
| West Central | 15-4, 15-13 |
| Benton Central | 14-16, 16-14, 15-1 |
| Lowell | 16-14, 6-15, 15-13 |
| Rochester | 15-3, 10-15, 12-15 |
| Clinton Central | 15-1, 17-15 |
| Twin Lakes | 13-15, 15-12, 15-8 |
| Sectionals-Twin Lakes | 11-15, 7-15 |

Willing to do anything to dig the ball, Jessica Bell hits the floor and passes up.



V O L L E Y B A L L



"Our chances were good because we peaked in performance and came together as a team," Jen Wians.



"I felt if our attitudes were positive and we didn't play individually that we would go as far as last year," Jill Spurgeon.



What was Jessica Bell's favorite part of the season. "Digging, digging, digging!"



"We saw ourselves advancing very far. We just had to take it one game at a time," Stacy Recker.



JV Team- Front Row: Coach Price and Coach Phillips. Back Row: Jessica Ramage, Jamie Hamstra, Gina Stevens, Emily Bristol, Jenn DeYoung, Marissa Green, Kelli Zeilenga.



Upper left-Varsity: Front Row: Jill Spurgeon, Jen Wians, Rachel Sorba, Jill Peterson. Back Row: Coach Valen Kamph, Jan Hamstra, Stacy Recker, Jen Baird, Jessica Bell, Coach Price, and Coach Phillips.

Left:: Refusing to let the ball hit the ground, seniors Jen Wians and Jill Spurgeon attempt to pass it.

Creating success

Introduction to the Indiana Hall of Fame was the top of the chart for veteran coach Walt Prochno. "I am very honored. A lot of men I respect and admire are in there. I am also flattered since primarily KV kids made it possible."

"Prochno has always made us work hard which has contributed to our success throughout the years," said Brent Kaper.

With a record of 13-4 the competitive spirit of Prochno's wrestlers propelled them through a rough season. Aaron Ketchum said, "It's a lot of hard work and takes dedication to commit yourself to it, but the reward carries on throughout the rest of your life."

After capturing first at Sectionals, Tom Swafford and Kenny Kapella went on to place first and third respectively at regionals. Swafford captured second at semi-state, but fell to B. Wurm in the first round at State. "It was great to win another regional and go to state. I was pleased with my season, but not with my performance at state," said Swafford.

Freshmen Jeff Garvey and Chris Brooker got Major Letter awards. "Couple of solid good kids who could turn out to be real good," said Prochno.

In regards to retirement Coach Prochno added, "I could very well quite possibly retire. I have informed our A.D. that as soon as a suitable replacement is found who would give it more than a year or so, I would retire. Hopefully, they're looking. I would still coach Cross Country and Track. If a suitable person is not found, I will not leave my guys hanging out on a limb. I will not desert them."

Awards: M.V.P. Tom Swafford, Mental Attitude Jeremy Swallow, Team CO-Captains Tom Swafford and Jason VanderWoude, Academic Award Brian Berg, Most Improved Brian Berg, Ironman Aaron Ketchum, Cameron Baumgarte Steve Schoon, Randall Gooden, Tom Swafford, Darren Dase, Brian Berg, Josh Norman, Brent Kaper, and Jason VanderWoude.



KOUGAR SCORES

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 40 R.C. 32 | Logansport Inv. 4th | NWHC KV 2nd |
| Lake Central Inv. 8th | 23 Twin Lakes 48 | Sectional KV 3rd |
| 40 Lake Station 36 | 24 Tri Central 56 | C.P. Regional R. Gooden 3rd |
| Merrillville Inv. 10th | 21 Delphi 57 | T. Swafford 1st |
| 22 West Central 59 | 37 Lafayette 37 | Merrillville Semi-State |
| 31 Ft. Wayne 46 | 16 N. Newton 61 | T. Swafford 2nd |
| 44 Lowell 31 | 17 Knox 60 | State Swafford lost first match |
| 6 Andean 77 | 0 S. Newton 78 | |
| 28 Griffith 48 | 0 N. Judson 1 | |
| 37 Munster 36 | 9 R. Forest 58 | |





W r e s t l i n g



"We did a lot of good stuff. We had fun and worked hard."
Jason Vanderwoude



"He is a good coach because he inspires kids to do what they can do and more."
Chris Brooker



"We had a pretty good season with a good dual meet record. Our upper weight classes were very strong."
Brent Kaper



"It was a good season because Coach Prochno led us through the season with good spirit."
Zach Jesko



Wrestling: Front Row: Randall Góoden, Zach Jesko, Brian Berg, Chris Brooker, Jeff Garvey. Row 2: Troy Nuss, Brent Kaper, Josh Norman, Brian Culbreth, Cameron Baumgarie, Aaron Kelchum, D' Andrew Nannenga. Back Row: Coach Prochno, Steve Schoon, Tom Swafford, Ken Kapella, Darren Dase, Jeremy Swallow, Jason VanderWoude, Asst. Coach Norwine.

Left: Ken Kapella stands tall for his 1st place sectional win.

Far Left: Awaiting his picture for the **Kougar Illustrated**. Ironman Brent Kaper faces his third season with Coach Prochno.

Above Left: Tom Swafford goes for the pin at semi-state.



Sectional Contenders

As said many times before, "All good things must come to an end." That was the case for the Varsity Boys Basketball team as they lost a spirited game against Benton Central at the Twin Lakes Sectional.

"We played hard with tremendous intensity. We played well enough to win, but just didn't make the big play when we needed it the most," responded Coach Martin.

"It was a game of streaks. Our streak came at the wrong time," added Coach Martin. Brent Przybylski added, "We played one of the best games of the season, but things didn't go our way at the end."

Varsity Boys ended their season at 12-10. "We had a successful season. We won the conference for the second year in a row and did so by beating North Judson at Judson and by thumping Rensselaer which is always a huge win," commented Coach Martin.

Derek Anderson added, "It was a pretty good season, I just wish we could have won Sectionals."

Award winners were Best Free Throw%-Eric Banks 85.2% . Best Field Goal%-Jeff Boer 56.5%, Most Rebounds-Kyle Hanley 154, Most Assists-Ryan Rose 77, Most Improved-Eric Banks, Mental Attitude-Erik Armstrong, Sportsmanship Award-Kyle Hamstra, Best Defensive Player-Brent Pzybylski, Best 3 Point%-Aaron Shelbourne 39% 20-51, Most Steals-Erik Armstrong 30.

PUTTING THE FINISHING touches on Griffith, Kyle Hanley slams the ball down.



KOUGAR SCORES

Varsity Vs.

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| 56 Hanover Central | 50 | 75 Griffith | 70 | 72 Rensselaer | 42 |
| 80 Wheeler | 56 | 104 North Newton | 59 | 40 Portage | 45 |
| 56 Crown Point | 73 | 65 Valparaiso | 79 | 64 Lake Station | 65 |
| 64 Griffith | 68 | 86 River Forest | 87 | 55 North Judson | 42 |
| 62 Kouts | 54 | 61 Knox | 53 | 63 Gary Wirt | 53 |
| 71 Boone Grove | 57 | 70 Lowell | 47 | 60 Benton Central | 72 |
| 65 Highland | 73 | 64 Hebron | 67 | 68 Rochester | 65 |
| | | | | 50 Benton Central | 56 |



LOSING A SWIFT defender, Casey Hayes powers by a defender.



B A S K E T B A L L



Jeff Boer
104-184 Shooting
143 Rebounds
34 Assists
26 Steals
6 Blocks
255 Total Points



Kyle Hanley
94-184 Shooting
154 Rebounds
31 Assists
15 Steals
18 Blocks
239 Total Points



Kyle Hamstra
20-62 3 pt.
32.3% 3 pt.
38 Rebounds
19 Steals
114 Total Points



Eric Banks
54 Rebounds
56 Assists
24 Steals
2 Blocks
162 Total Points

Far Left: CHARGING TOWARD THE basket, Jeff Boer runs over an unsuspecting Viking.

Below: FRONT ROW: Eric Banks, Kyle Hamstra, Ryan Rose, Derek Anderson, Erik Armstrong, Aaron Shelbourne. **Back Row:** Coach Orsburn (JV), Coach VanRiessen (Freshman), manager Mike Bratz, Brent Pyszylski, Jim Hamstra, Jeff Boer, Kyle Hanley, manager Joe Yeager, Coach Martin (Varsity), Coach McGaha.

FLYING PAST A stationary defender, Casey Hayes contemplates his shot selection.

J V Struggles

Improvement was the key to the JV basketball team. "I considered the talent on this team to be greater than many teams I have coached," commented Coach Orsburn.

Outstanding shooting performances were demonstrated by Casey Hayes who scored 315 points, averaging 15.8/game. Following him was Adam Schaper with 173 points. "It is a big change from 8th grade basketball to high school basketball. In my opinion, I thought I played very well," added Schaper. Behind him was Steve Myers who added 107 points.

In spite of their talent, the team lacked consistency, experience, and teamwork. "They lacked the teamwork necessary to perform at this level" responded Coach Orsburn.

Jeff Terborg added, "The season wasn't based on the level of talent that a few of our players had. Great players could have been made from the guys who sat on the bench. Overall, the entire J.V. season was disappointing, and nothing was done to correct the problem."

Award winners were Best Field Goal%-Adam Schaper 55.6%, Best Free Throw%-Scott Hamstra 72.2%, Most Assists-Steve Myers 42, Most Rebounds-Adam Schaper 122.



KOUGAR SKORES

JV vs

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|----|
| 52 Hanover Central | 28 | 40 North Newton | 28 | 44 Lake Station | 22 |
| 50 Wheeler | 35 | 45 Valparaiso | 57 | 42 North Judson | 48 |
| 47 Crown Point | 58 | 36 River Forest | 40 | 46 Gary Wirt | 40 |
| 46 Griffith | 49 | 34 Knox | 29 | 56 Benton Central | 67 |
| 74 Kouts | 49 | 32 Lowell | 21 | | |
| 36 Boone Grove | 61 | 52 Hebron | 54 | | |
| 61 Griffith | 65 | 49 Rensselaer | 53 | | |
| 69 Griffith | 55 | 50 Portage | 51 | | |



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF a downed defender, Eric Banks lays up the ball.



B A S K E T B A L L



Casey Hayes
108-259 Shooting
38-106 3 pt.
45 Rebounds
35 Assists
23 Steals
315 Points



Adam Schaper
69-124 Shooting
122 Rebounds
22 Assists
7 Steals
43 Blocks
173 Points



Steve Myers
41-109 Shooting
71 Rebounds
42 Assists
26 Steals
1 Block
107 Points



Chad VanRiessen
33-81 Shooting
39 Rebounds
23 Assists
20 Steals
94 Points

LEFT: FRONT ROW: Chad VanRiessen, Matt Woods, Scott Hamstra, Casey Hayes, Steve Myers, Jeff Terborg, Matt Spurgeon
Back Row: Asst. Coach Greg McGaha, Coach Martin, Jeremy Rayner, Adam Schaper, Jeremy Croll, Coach VanRiessen, Coach Orsburn

BOTTOM LEFT: FRONT ROW: Phil Winter, Rob Hudspeth, Matt Cunningham, Mike Frederick, Keith Marshall, Nick Jordan, Brock Roorda, Nick Windlow. **Back Row:** Jim Bean, Tony Fentress, Chad Nannenga, Matt Bestich, Matt Woods, Matt Daniels, Brandon DeBoard, Todd Klemp. Coach VanRiessen

FAR LEFT: SHAKING A DEFENDER. Aaron Shelbourne executes a perfect fade away.

BELOW RIGHT: BEHIND off a Devil, Cathy Veden takes charge of the floor.

CHARGING THE BASKET, Jessica Bell maneuvers around her opponent and heads for 2pts.

Strong season

"Our greatest glory consists not in never falling but in rising every time we fall"

- Oliver Goldsmith

These words of wisdom would accurately describe the Varsity Girls Basketball Team. Lacking in height, the team had a lot to overcome. They went through some tough losses like the loss to Valpo 25-76 but came back strong to over take Hanover Central 49 to 33 for their biggest win.

Coach Ginzer realized that when the team started to lose more games than they won, the different defenses and the new presses were not appropriate for his team.

Work and victory were on their schedule as the team practiced two and a half hours every day after school, except Wednesday due to the school rules. They came in every morning for free throws, and sometimes practiced three or more hours on Saturday.

Finishing their tough practices, they came to a close 10-11 record. This wasn't ignored, but rewarded at the winter athletics award banquet. Kristen Kruchowski won Best Free Throw Percentage, Most Assists, Most Steals, Most Points, and Best Offensive Player. Kylene Kramer won The Most Rebounds and Best Defensive Player. Rachel Hamstra took The Most Improved Award. Jessica Bell captured The Lady Kougar Hustle Award. Jennifer Ginzer won The Lady Kougar Sportsmanship Award and Ann Vandermolen won The Lady Kougar Academic Award.

Kruchowski took a look at the season and said, "It was challenging and a lot of fun. The season was filled with new experiences."



KOUGAR SCORES

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Boone Grove 37-27 | Hobart 31-61 | Rensselaer 39-52 |
| Morgan Twp. 55-52 | Horce Mann 71-27 | Hanover Central 49-33 |
| Munster 43-53 | Griffith 42-47 | North Newton 37-46 |
| Lake Station 62-38 | North Judson 38-71 | Twin Lakes 56-61 |
| Hebron 62-39 | Valpo 25-76 | Benton Central 52-69 |
| Portage 51-70 | Lowell 47-45 | Calumet 56-39 |
| Michigan City 49-45 | River Forest 48-40 | West Lafayette 37-48 |



AVOIDING A BLOCK, Kylene Kramer prepares to shoot. She ended her season with a 50% shot record.

COME ON! shouts Jenn Ginzer to the Devil as she protects the basket. Ladies won the game 47-45.



B A S K E T B A L L



Kristen Kruchowski:

Best Free Throw %-
64%
Most Assists-74
Most Steals-78
Most Points-214
Best Offensive Player



Kyleene Kramer:

Most Rebounds-189
Best Defensive Player
Stats:
Def. Rebounds-115
Off. Rebounds-74



Jessica Bell:

Lady Kougars Hustle
Award
Stats:
3-PT%-23.1
2-PT%-41.4
PTS-195



Coach

Ginzer:

Celebrates his one
hundredth game
coaching the Lady
Kougars.



FRONT ROW: COACH Ginzer, Jennifer Ginzer, Kyleene Kramer, Lori Stalbaun, Helen Hicks, Coach Gray; **Back Row:** Megan Ginzer, Cathy Veden, Jessica Bell, Ann VanderMolen, Rachel Hamstra, Shelley Myers, Kristen Kruchowski, Coach Valenkamph.

TRYING TO RECEIVE the ball, Jessica Bell hits the court as the ball is delivered.

SHE SHOOTS; SHE SCORES! Playing hard Jennifer Ginzer receives the Kougar Sportsmanship Award at the winter sports banquet.

Surprised

Ever heard the phrase "Try, try again?" JV girls have. Although they pursued wins in the beginning, they failed to come out ahead, ending the season with the record of 7-13.

Although the girls did lose many games, that did not stop them from overtaking Gary Mann (55-3) and Calumet (59-11). According to Coach Gray they had an off season. "We weren't hitting the baskets and getting as many rebounds as we liked to, (and) hopefully we'll do better next year."

Tracy Opolski who led in both points (93) and rebounds (119) said that it took a lot of hard work and dedication to obtain the Best Offensive Player.

Diane Wright led the team in Most Steals (51) there was no question that she would win Best Defensive Player. Wright also received Most Assists (38). Lindy Staulbaum won the Best Free Throw Award shooting 58%. Erin Greenlee and Bridget Roorda both won the Most Improved Award.



KOUGAR SKORES

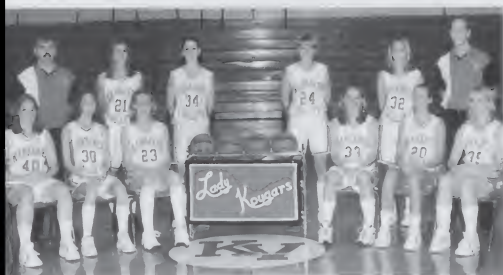
Boone Grove 27-22
Morgan Twp 21-24
Munster 17-35
Lake Station 17-15
Hebron 22-28
Portage 24-40
Michigan City 23-22
Hobart 26-29
Gary Mann 55-3

Griffith 23-31
North Judson 8-49
Valpo 13-40
Lowell 24-28
River Forest 40-27
Rensselaer 24-44
Hanover Central 25-16
North Newton 29-31
Twin Lakes 31-44

Benton Central 18-32
Calumet 59-11

ERIN GREENLEE, KIM Goetz, Diane Wright, Nichole Kearney, Tracy Opolski, Jenn DeYoung, Ashley Rewerts, Rachel Hamstra, Bridget Roorda, and Nora Keiser take a break during their busy Christmas season to relax and have fun.





Junior Varsity

FRONT ROW: LINDY Stalbaum, Nicole Kearney, Jenn DeYoung, Tracy Opolski, Bridget Roorda, Ashley Rewerts, Back Row: Coach Ginzer, Erin Greenlee, Naura Keiser, Kim Goetz, Diane Wright, Coach Gray.

Freshmen

FRONT ROW: BRANDI Kutcher, Amanda Battista, Becca Valenkamp, Jen Henke, Back Row: Brook Innan, Tiffany Brubaker, Coach Ginzer, Coach Valenkamp, Megan Melton, Becky Witt

PRACTICING THEIR MANEUVERABILITY. Jenn DeYoung, Diane Wright, Erin Greenlee, and Bridget Roorda have fun at their Christmas sleep-over party held at Tracy Opolski's house.



School Spirit

"My favorite thing about cheerleading was being with my friends. Cheerleading was a lot of hard work, but working with your friends makes it all worthwhile," said Emily Prange, junior.

As a squad, cheerleaders spend a lot of time together. Cheerleading becomes their life because there is no off season. In the summer, the squad practiced continuously in order to be ready for summer camp at Indiana University in August. While at camp, the cheerleaders qualified to go to Nationals in Dallas, Texas and also won the Spirit Award, Spirit Stick, and Superior Award.

Squad continued to show their spirit throughout the year. For football and basketball Sectionals they decorated the players' rooms and painted pillow cases for them. Every week they practiced two or three times a week with coaches, Donna Banks and Marcia Murray helping them work on timing, motions, and mounts. The squad also pepped up the teams by making food for the players.

In the middle of the basketball season, the girls along with the male lifters, Wes Graper, Chris Dixon, Matt Forsythe, and Rich Love paid to do a private stunt camp where they learned a lot of neat mounts to use in their cheers.

Jennifer Trock said, "My most memorable moment was when I was crowned Homecoming Queen and I went out on the football field and cheered my last Homecoming game in my evening gown with poms." Even through the hard times when the squad disagreed and quarreled, the memories remained forever.

Making it look easy. the Varsity Squad is lifted into the air at the end of their cheer.

At the March Sectionals, the Varsity Squad pumped up the crowd by raising Mandi Richards and Jennifer Trock to the top of a mount.



Having fun in the Indiana University Kougars:
Varsity cheerleaders chill out from the hard work and heat during the four day camp.



C H E E R L E A D I N G



"My most memorable moment was camp. It was a lot of fun at IU. We learned a lot of useful things."
Danielle Murray



"My favorite thing about cheerleading was decorating the boys' rooms for basketball Sectionals."
Heidi Huckabay



"My favorite things about cheerleading are getting recognition from other coaches and colleges, dancing, and pro moting spirit."
Jennifer Spurgeon, Captain



"I like cheering with and for my friends."
Jennifer Spurgeon



Front Row: Heidi Huckabay, Jennifer Trock, Shayla Foley; **Middle Row:** Jennifer Spurgeon, Danielle Murray, Angie Ferguson; **Back Row:** Emily Prange, and Mandi Richards.

Above Left: Cheering on the Kougars, the Varsity Squad performs their cheer, Get On U'p Are You Ready.

Adding personality to the cool autumn night, Kaylynn Myers (in the Kougars suit) joins the Varsity cheerleaders on the track during a home Varsity foot ball game.

Pumping up the crowd

Pumping up the crowd may seem like an easy job, but the commitment is a major part of a cheerleader's responsibility. Summer camp, cheer mini-camp, over 160 hours of practice and game time took a toll on the squads.

This mind, body, and spirit sport required not only physical commitment, but emotional and academic focus as well. Danae Bailey commented "I really liked being part of the cheerleading squad. You could show great spirit for your school."

Being ignored was the major complaint from these young athletes. Lindsey Pendergrass added, "Cheerleading wasn't what it had been in past years. I really didn't like it when we didn't get cheered with by the crowd."

Cheerleaders didn't just cheer at games. They went to camps over the summer where they won awards.

JV cheerleaders went to IU and won the Stunt Smart Award, Most Improved, and an additional Spirit Stick Award.

Freshman cheerleaders went to Purdue and won a small trophy, six ribbons with two superiors which are yellow and were the highest award. Courtney Roorda a freshman said her most memorable moment at cheer camp was, "When the freshman squad won the most improved trophy. Winning this award meant a lot to me not because we really improved but our squad bonded and we all worked together."

Preparing for the homecoming game, cheerleaders Nichole Haberlin and Courtney Roorda, perfect their motions.

Winning the Stunt Smart at NCA cheer camp at I.U. brings smiles from campers Samantha McGhee, Kim Rice, Hannah Carnell, Lindsey Pendergrass, Danae Bailey and Patti Yaeger.



Pumping up the crowd starts with moments in the spotlight for freshman cheerleaders Courtney Roorda, Shannon Takacs, Samantha McGhee, Nichole Haberlin, Mindy Jonkman and Marisa Scott.



C H E E R L E A D I N G



"We learned so many new things, but the best part about cheerleading was camp in the summer." Marisa Scott



"I like being on the cheerleading squad because it gives me a chance to meet more people." Patti Yaegar



"My favorite part about cheerleading is when the crowd gets into it at the games." Mindy Jonkman



"I love being a cheerleader because it's a great way to show your spirit." Shannon Takacs



Freshman Cheerleaders front Row: Shannon Takacs, Nichole Haberlin Back Row: Courtney Roorda, Marisa Scott, Mindy Jonkman

Junior Varsity cheerleaders Front Row: Lindsey Pendergrass, Danae Bailey Row 2: Samantha McGhee, Back Row: Hannah Carnell, Patti Yaeger, Kim Rice

Above left: Intense crowds often require special cheers, pom poms and clappers in order to get the crowd "in the game".

Breaking Records

Shattering their best time by two seconds, the 200 free relay team of Amanda Donis, Jill English, Berrett Belstra and Jen Penninga established a record of 1:56.31. In the next meet, the same team broke their best time again by two seconds to score 1:54.31.

Their new coach Mrs. Martin commented, "It's been a great season, and I'm proud of all the girls. What makes our team special is the fact that we're a dedicated FAMILY. We love to have fun, but work hard and stay focused to get the job done."

Not only the relay winners, but the entire team worked hard to achieve personal goals. At practice they were required to wear two bathing suits with a pair of tights in between to increase the resistance underwater. This helped the girls strengthen their muscles. Kim Fieldhouse, a freshman on the team said, "As soon as I hit the water, without the tights, I felt lighter."

Dedication was a key as represented by team captain Jill Garvey. Proving this dedication Jill won Most Dedicated Swimmer. Jennifer Penninga won Most Valuable Swimmer and Most Improved Swimmer was Jennifer Norman, Rookie of the Year was presented to Barrett Belstra and the Sportsmanship Award went to Mandi Czaplá and Amanda Mullins.

After winning their race, Jill Garvey, Emily Bristol, Jennifer Norman, and Lynn Hanley take a breather outside of the water.

Warming up for a meet, Amanda Donis swims laps to be prepared for the up coming races.



Kougar Scores

| VS | | KV | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|
| 128 | Twin Lakes | 58 | 55 | Bishop Noll | 124 |
| 47 | North Judson | 137 | 115 | Lowell | 71 |
| 114 | Knox | 72 | 120 | Griffith | 66 |
| | Rensselaer Relays | 4/6 | 134 | South Newton | 48 |
| 112 | Hammond | 74 | | Griffith Invite | 3/6 |
| 112 | Hobart | 76 | | Lowell Invite | 3/6 |
| 105 | Rensselaer | 80 | | NWHC | 3/5 |



S W I M M I N G



"Our team was great and they kept improving their times." Jill Garvey



"I liked my coach a lot, she made everything fun." Mandi Czaplá



"We worked real hard to break our record so when we did it was really awesome." Jen Penninga



"I was very excited when we broke the school record. I can't wait for the next swimming season." Barrett Belstra.

Gasping for air while doing the breast stroke, Emily Bristol a freshman swimmer, prepares for a flip turn.

Front Row: Jen Norman, Mina Fritze, Barrett Belstra, Mandi Czaplá, Jill Garvey. Row 2: Erin Boer (Manager), Emily Bristol, Leah Vandermolén, Jennifer Penninga, Bridget Barrera, Lynn Hanley, Coach Martin. Back Row: Julie Davidson (Manager), Jeni Tillema (Manager), Amanda Mullins, Natsumi Nigawara, Jessica Ramage, Casey King, Kelli Burrough, Amanda Donis, Jilyan English, Jennifer Berry, Kim Fieldhouse.

Stretching before the meet, Casey King and Jessica Ramage warm their muscles.

Swimming towards success

Record shattering season captured the essence of the boys' swim team as they capitalized on individualized talents. With a small team of only 10, the season ended with 6 victories and 7 defeats. An individualized whole team effort left them 2nd in Conference, 2nd at the KV Invite, 2nd at the Lowell Invite, and 6th in Sectionals.

"We didn't have a great season, but we didn't have a big team, either, so I feel we still did pretty good," commented Adam Bristol.

Justin Shafer broke the school record during the preliminary round of the Sectionals. Justin Carter also broke records in the 200 meter free style (previously held by himself) and also broke the 500 meter free. The 400 free relay team made All Conference. The team was made up of Justin Carter, Adam Bristol and Justin Shafer. Adam Bristol broke the 50 meter free record and also improved his best time on the 100 meter free style.

Team captains for the boys' swim team were Justin Carter, Justin Shafer, and Adam Bristol. Rookie of the year was Craig Kruchowski. Justin Shafer won the Most Valuable Diver. Most Improved Swimmers were Mick Snyder and Jeff VanBlaircom. Justin Carter and Adam Bristol won Most Valuable Swimmer Awards.



Awaiting his picture for the **Kougar Illustrated**, Junior Adam Bristol starts his record breaking season.

At the last home meet, the boys and their parents shared swimming memories and pizza.

Kougars Scores

| V.S. | K.V. | | |
|------|-------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 87 | Calumet | 91 | 46 South Newton 100 |
| 115 | Harrison | 68 | 102 Twin Lakes 77 |
| 98 | Knox | 98 | 127 Crown Point 56 |
| 0 | Wirt | 12 | 106 Hobart 72 |
| 97 | Rensselaer | 86 | Rensselaer Invite 4/6 |
| 23 | Bishop Noll | 107 | Lowell Relays 2/6 |
| 85 | Lowell | 88 | KV Invite 3/6 |
| 109 | Griffith | 74 | N.W.H.C. 2/5 |
| | | | Sectionals 6th |



S W I M M I N G



"I was happy for the boys swim team in how they broke the school records." Josh Novac



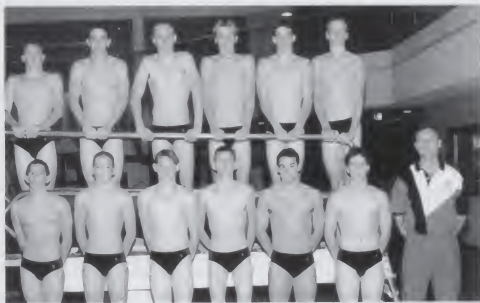
"There were many good members on the team. We accomplished a lot even though we were low in numbers." Mick Snyder



"I Love Swimming. The team was great when we helped each other to improve times." Ryan Koslovsky



"We didn't have a great season or a big team, but I feel we still did a pretty good job." Adam Bristol



At Lake Central Sectionals Kevan Myers prepares to dive in.

Front Row: Josh Novac, Craig Kruchowski, Michael Bacon, Kevan Myers, Doug Ruhl, Mick Snyder, Coach Roberts.
Back Row: Justin Shafer, Adam Bristol, Justin Carter, Ryan Koslovsky, Jeff VanBlaircom, and Adam Hoffman.



At Parents Night, Kevan Myers, Jeff VanBlaircom, Adam Hoffman, Josh Novac, Craig Kruchowski, Mick Snyder and Justin Carter present flowers to their parents.

Striking Victory

Teamwork was the key to success for Greenlee's varsity baseball team. "This team accomplished what no other KV Baseball team has- a trip to the **Semi-state!** I hope this is only the beginning of many such trips," said 10 year veteran Coach Doug Greenlee who has earned a record of 216-85-1.

"The reason our team is so successful is we realize what job must be done and do it. Everyone plays an important role, as well as holding a positive attitude throughout the season," said senior first baseman Dan Nannenga.

Greenlee's team was on fire as they climbed to number one in the state on May 5 and 12. Local polls kept the Kougars at second on May 24 and June 1 and 8. Overall the hot squad finished the season ranked eighth in the state. When asked how it felt to be number one, Coach Greenlee said, "It is an honor. Many people are aware that we're number one. I don't even know everyone who has congratulated me."

In Sectional play, the batters crashed seven home runs which made 45 for the season. Junior Brent Przybylski completed 15 including four in the tournament and an important home run in a four-run fifth inning against West Lafayette. Przybylski said "I go up to the plate trying to hit line drives and sometimes it gets some lift on it and it just goes."

Pitching was of major importance during the season. "Pitchers (good pitchers) are absolutely a must to have success," replied Coach Greenlee. Ryan Pendergrass, Cory Concus, Jim Hamstra, and Brent Przybylski filled this role. They have talent."

Holding the Sectional Trophy, Seniors Steve Schoon, Tom Swafford, Jonathan Hart, Cory Concus, and Dan Nannenga complete the first step enroute to semi-state. These seniors helped KV to go on to win its first Regional and advance to semi-state.



Responding to the Regional victory, reserve outfielder, Doug Stan grasps his head as Coach Greenlee bursts through the crowd.

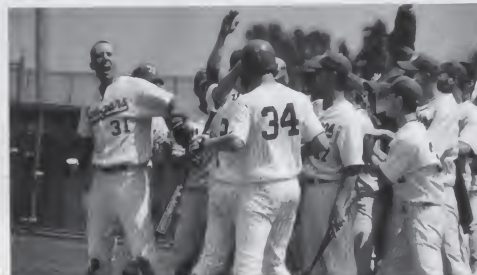
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KOUGAR SCORES

| | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 Wash Twp 4 | 8 Rensselaer 2 | 15 North Newton 0 | 9 South Central 13 |
| 10 Lake Station 3 | 6 Rensselaer 0 | 11 North Newton 3 | 8 Benton Central 7 |
| 15 Lake Station 6 | 6 Portage 5 | 1 Lake Central 13 | 7 Hobart 8 |
| 3 Boone Grove 2 | 12 Knox 3 | 8 Rochester 0 | 12 Hebron 1 |
| 16 Twin Lakes 0 | 12 River Forest 0 | 14 N. Judson 12 | 0 Valparaiso 13 |
| 11 Kouts 4 | 15 River Forest 0 | 19 N. Judson 30 | Season 26-7 |
| 7 Lowell 4 | 7 Wheeler 1 | 9 Argos 10 | |
| 8 Lowell 1 | 17 West Central 12 | | |
| IHSSA Sectional at Benton Central | | IHSSA Regional at BC | |
| 14 West Lafayette 4 | 5 Rensselaer 2 | 11 Hammond Noll 6 | IHSSA Semi-State |
| | 14 Twin Lakes 3 | | at Fort Wayne |
| | | | 0 Westfield 7 |

Signaling "Good Deal", catcher Aaron Porter waves at second baseman Brett

Stubblefield who has just thrown out a base runner in post season action.



B A S E B A L L



Aaron Shelbourne
junior
Short stop
Second baseman



Cory Concus
senior
Right hand
pitcher



Jim Hamstra
junior
Right hand
pitcher 1st
baseman



Coach Greenlee
Team ranked
number one in
state -first time
ever.



FRONT ROW: Assistant Coach Mike Stephens, Brett Stubblefield, Zach Jesko, Chad Van Riessen, Aaron Porter, Eric Banks, Cory Concus, Anthony Dixon, Mike Bratz Mgr., Assistant Coach Bill Orsburn. **BACK ROW:** Head Coach Doug Greenlee, Ryan Niemiller Mgr., Steve Schoon, Ryan Pendergrass, Tom Swafford, Aaron Shelbourne, Ryan Stan, Trevor Jones, Jim Hamstra, Dan Nannenga, Brent Przybylski, Dan Kamminga Mgr., Jonathon Hart, Assistant Coach Eric McGaha.

Exploding from the pack, #31 Brent Przybylski wants to congratulate Aaron Porter who cleared the dugout with a homerun. Kougars earned 45 homers throughout the season.

Walking back to his position, senior Tom Swafford prepares for the next play.

Field of Dreams

Victory was the word for the varsity baseball season, as Coach Greenlee combined his 200th win with a first place standing in the state. From coaching baseball for ten years at KV, Coach Greenlee had a total of 245 wins and 116 losses. "I thank God for continued good health which allows me to put forth the energy needed to run the team. I work as hard as I can and expect my players to do the same," exclaimed Greenlee.

Varsity's returning lettermen included: Aaron Shelbourne, Steve Schoon, Tom Swafford, Brent Przybylski, Dan Nannunga, Jon Hart, Rob Koschal, and Tom Barr. Along with the team and coaches, they helped win the NWHC All Sports Trophy for the 1997-98 sports season.

JV/Freshmen baseball had a difficult season. Coach Mike McKay commented, "We finished the season with a 7-8-1 record, which was very disappointing to me. These are a very talented bunch of athletes, and I believe they are much better than the record would indicate. Three more freshmen played on the JV team all season, so it is apparent that this class will keep KV's outstanding baseball tradition strong." Other people thought differently to the season. "Our team is so successful because we know the fundamentals, and we are good in many situations also," said freshman pitcher Matt Daniels.

JV team ended with a record of 8-7, but several games were canceled for various reasons. Sophomore Anthony Dixon hit .421, with 14 stolen bases and played as a catcher. Freshman Matt Cunningham hit .359 and pitched well at second base. Craig Karlowsky pitched 24 innings and only gave up 11 earned runs. Other team members included Trevor Jones-Pitcher out-field, and Jeremy Rayner-1st baseman.

Attempting a fast pitch, freshman Matt Daniels practices striking out a batter.



KOUGAR SKORES

FRESHMAN AWARDS

Kougar Pride Award-
Marc Baird
Outstanding Pitcher-
Matt Daniels
Outstanding Hitter-
Phil Winter

JV AWARDS

Highest Batting Average-
Chad VanRiessen: .462
Highest Fielding Average-
Zach Jesko: .960
Lowest Earned Run Average-
Chad VanRiessen: 3.11
Most Runs Batrted In-
Chad VanRiessen: 14
Most Runs Scored-
Ryan Stan: 18

Keeping an eye on the ball, junior Eric Banks attempts to run to third.



B A S E B A L L



Adam Day
freshman
Utility Man



Phil Winter
freshman
Outstanding
hitter



Tom Sharritts
sophomore
10 runs bat-
ted in,
in only 21 at
bats.



Brian Culbreth
sophomore
short stop



FRONT ROW: FRESHMEN-Coach McKay, Bobby Stampfer, Todd Klemp, Michael Zelstra, Josh Demeter, Chris Brooker, Marc Baird. Row 2- Matt Daniels, Jeremy Tillger, Phil Winter, Scott Cochran, Nick Winlow, Steve Reichert.



FRONT ROW: JV-Tom Sharritts, Adam Day, Matt Cunningham, Zach Jesko, Chad VanRiessen. Row 2- Coach Stephens, Anthony Dixon, Jeremy Rayner, Ryan Stan, Craig Karlowsky, Brian Culbreth.

WINDING UP for a strike, freshman pitcher Alicia Vankley prepares to knock the player out.

Keeping the bats warm

Varsity team coached by Mr. Flynn made an all high season record of 16 wins and 10 losses. The 16 and 10 record put smiles on the varsity team, especially since they were a part of the new school record.

Varsity team advanced to the first round of Sectionals for the first time in four years. Varsity team played a real good game with the final score of 4 to 6. Even though they lost, the girls felt it was a big honor to be part of the sectional team.

Keeping those bats warm played an important role along with outstanding fielding to help the team reach their all high season record.

JV team was coached by a new coach to the softball team, Coach Hanford. "I think she did a real good job coaching for her first year," said Freshman Liz Dugger. JV had a season record of 5 wins and 13 losses.

In spite of the small JV team, they held it together and made the best of it. "It is a great feeling to know when you do something good, it helps the whole team," said Freshman third base, Liz Wilson.

FRONT ROW: Amanda Alberts, Jamie VanWienen, Kimmy Woods, Danielle Karloski, Dawn Patrick, Gina Stephans. Back Row: Coach Hanford, Coach Flynn, Heather Hende, Anne Koschal, Stacy Recker, Kylene Kramer, Jen Baird, Jill Peterson, Summer Johnson, Coach Hart, Bookkeeper Mrs. Hart.



KOUGAR SCORES

| JV | VS | KV | | | |
|-----------------|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| 3 North White | 6 | 1 Michigan | 13 | 4 Culver Military | 2 |
| 13 Westville | 9 | 4 Lowell | 2 | 3 Wheeler | 1 |
| 23 River Forest | 15 | 1 Rensselaer | 14 | 1 River Forest | 23 |
| 1 Rensselaer | 24 | 6 Wheeler | 1 | 4 South Newton | 14 |
| 9 Griffith | 0 | 12 LaPorte | 11 | 1 Tri County | 32 |
| 4 Highland | 0 | 15 Andean | 0 | 0 Tri County | 12 |
| 7 Bishop Noll | 4 | 10 Lowell | 3 | 2 Whiting | 3 |
| 4 Chesteron | | Varsity VS KV | | 10 Twin Lakes | 0 |
| 11 Chesteron | | 11 Andean | 0 | 12 Griffith | 0 |
| 12 North White | 1 | 1 Lake Station | 11 | 2 North White | 12 |
| 11 Lowell | 1 | 2 Hebron | 19 | 3 Winamac | 10 |
| 2 Marquette | 7 | 9 South Central | 3 | 3 South Central | 7 |
| | | | | 5 Lowell | 3 |
| | | | | 8 Frontier | 0 |
| | | | | 10 Michigan | 16 |
| | | | | 6 Marquette | 7 |
| | | | | 5 Marquette | 6 |
| | | | | 0 North Newton | 11 |
| | | | | 0 Rensselaer | 18 |
| | | | | 8 Chesteron | 0 |
| | | | | 7 Portage | 0 |
| | | | | 8 LaPorte | 7 |
| | | | | 6 Sectional | 1 |



STACY RECKER catches a fast pitch

IN READY POSITION, sophomore second base
Danielle Karlowski prepares to field a ball.



S O F T B A L L



Liz Wilson:
"Softball means opportunities, success and most importantly fun."



Sarah Kennedy:
"It is a great honor to be able to represent our school on the softball team. I'm proud of this team for sticking it out and becoming the best they could be. We all showed our spirit and encouraged each other to do well."



J a m i e VanWienen:
"I am proud to have been a part of the softball team all four years. We have all worked together as a team and done our best."



Heather Heide:
"This has been our best record. Since this was my last year I'm very happy to have been a part of this team."



FRONT ROW: COACH Hänford, Coach Flynn, Coach Hart Back Row: Gina Stephens, Jennifer Kopf, Bridget Barrera, Sarah Kennedy, Liz Dugger, Jill Kaluf, Tiffany Brubaker, Elizabeth Wilson, Alicia Vankley.

RESTING IN THE DUGOUT, Junior Rachel Sorba, Sophomore Danielle Karlowski, Sophomore Amanda Alberts, Junior Stacy Recker and senior Kylene Kramer await the end of the inning.

S taying Champs

Keeping the title was the goal of the season as the Boys Track Team captured 11 of the 15 Conference events to win the Northwest Hoosier Conference with 179 points. Senior Justin Carden commented "I was really looking forward (to Conference) since I wasn't here last year.

Freshman Keith Marshall said, "The feeling was sensational as I crossed the finish line to win the Conference Championship."

Awards for the season included: Rookies of the year- Greg Wireman and Keith Marshall; Co-Captains- Jay Deardroff and Lance Culp; Most Valuable Distance Runner- Justin Carden; Most Valuable Field Event- Jacob Slatton; Most Dedicated- Brandon Baker and Steve Myers; Academic Award- Justin Shafer.



KOUGAR SCORES

| | | | | | |
|--------------|------|------|----------------|----|-----|
| Lowell | 65.5 | 82.5 | Lake Station | 25 | 87 |
| North Newton | 8 | 82.5 | Hebron | 27 | 104 |
| Rensselaer | 29 | 94 | Washington TWP | 36 | 104 |
| Knox | 32.5 | 93 | Kouts | 36 | 103 |
| Winamac | 40.5 | 93 | Morgan TWP | 28 | 103 |
| North Judson | 54 | 87 | | | |

STRIDING TO THE finish line, Matt Spurgeon leaves the competition in the dust.



DASHING TO THE line. Arian Krieger wins first at the Rensselaer relays.



T R A C K



"It was fun and helped me on my endurance." Mark Koppen



"Track wasn't easy, but we all did well." Jeff Spurgeon



"It was a neat year in track" Chad Nannenga



"This Year was more fun than a bucket of grass hopper wings!" Simon Flory

FRONT ROW: Jeff Spurgeon, Jeff Garvey, D. Andrew Nannenga, Simon Flory, Justin Shafer, Ryan Koslovsky, Arlan Kramer, Brent Kaper, Cameron Baumgarle, Lance Culp, Row 2: Mark Koppen, Brandon Baker, Steve Meyer, Justin Carden, Matt Spurgeon, Matt Forsythe, Keith Marshall, Jeff DeBoard, Jake Slatten, Alana Zaremba, Nichole Kearney Back Row: Matt Bristol, Matt Kovach, Adam Hamstra, Derek Anderson, Kenny Kappela, Dave Haas, Dave Veldman Chad Nannenga, Matt Woods, Coach Roberts.

TAKING HIS POSITION, Dave Veldman gets ready to throw shot.

Silver and Gold

Silver and Gold was the theme for the girls track team's 25 year anniversary. This was also printed on a shirt of lively colors designed by Coach Adams.

Undefeated at 11-0, the girls worked hard and stayed tough even through injuries, including Coach Maple's broken foot. Maple was in the middle of banana relays when he got tangled with a runner and fell.

Girls still kept their spirits high, even at Conference. They smashed the 4x800 meter relay with a record time of 10:40. Diane Watson, Mandi Czapl, Alesha Studer, and Jennifer Norman continued their on going quest for victory. Freshman Jennifer Norman said, "I was glad to run with Watson, Czapl, and Studer to help break the 4x800 meter school record at conference." In spite of the team's second placing at Conference, individuals still took many first placings.

At Conference, junior Kelly Stamper qualified for state in the 100m race and finished third in the 200m race. Breaking a 13 year old regional time of 11:99, Kelly said, "I was totally amazed, This was totally unexpected."

The team placed second at Sectionals and ninth at Regionals. Awards included; Best Sprints-Kelly Stamper; Best Throws-Angie Williams; Best Jumps-Jennifer Trock; Most Hurdles-Kelli Zeilenga; Middle Distance-Laura Norris; Distance-Alesha Studer; Rookie of the Year-Lydia Clark; Most Improved-Jenny Henke; Mental Attitude-Mandi Czapl. Team captains were Norris, Studer, Watson, & Trock.



KOUGAR SCORES

| | | | | | |
|--------------|----|------|--------------|------|------|
| Lowell | 45 | 88.5 | North Judson | 47.5 | 86.5 |
| North Newton | 21 | 88.5 | Lake Station | 20 | 86.5 |
| Rensselaer | 46 | 77 | Lake Central | 39.5 | 82.5 |
| Knox | 32 | 78 | MT | 75 | 115 |
| Winamac | 46 | 78 | Kouts | 22 | 115 |
| LaPorte | 61 | 62 | River Forest | 15 | 115 |

STAYING AHEAD, ALESHA Studer prepares to hand off.

SPORTING THE SILVER and gold, thrower Jeni Tillema awaits the finish with Swedjemark.



PUSHING OFF. LAURA Norris receives a hand off from Lydia Clark.



T R A C K



"Track was a lot of hard work, fun times, and lasting memories. I am very proud to be part of the KV track team." Jennifer Trock



"My first year in high school track was new and really helpful." Lydia Clark



"Track was a delightful experience that taught me a lot." Danielle Marlatt



My most awesome moment in track was standing at the starting line of the 400m at Conference and hearing the crowd yelling my name then leaving my competition in the dust." Laura Norris.



KEEPING AHEAD, KELLY Stamper sprints to a first place finish.

TRACK FRONT ROW - Kelli Gilbert, Jenny Henke, Diane Wright, Amber Harper, Sandy Koselke, Amanda Doris, Aletha Studer, Lisa Armstrong, Kelli Zebenga, Jennifer Trock, Danielle Marlatt. **Row 2** - Manager Natsumi Ngawara, Jill English, Erin Grosvenor, Naura Koiser, Jennifer Norman, Becky Kovach, Nichole Haberlin, Megan Mellon, Jessica Scheidt, Jessica Ramage, Marissa Green, Manager-Lynn Hanley. **Row 3** - Coach: Adams, Kim Jinkman, Mandi Czapl, Liz Vargas, Marisa Scott, Tasha DeMoss, Jeni Tillema, Lydia Clark, Melissa Richardson, Helen Hicks, Laura Norris. **Back row** - Coach Maple, Tracy Opolski, Angie Williams, Casey King, Jodi VanderWoude, Jenni DeYoung, Rachel Hamstra, Ashley Rewerts, Kelly Stamper, Diane Watson, Emily Bristol.

CENTER: RELAXING HER ankles in ice, Emily Bristol watches the race with Jennifer Norman.



Girls Rise to Greatness; Hamstra to Regionals

Rising to greatness is something every team and player wants to accomplish, whether it be through play or just the respect and courteousness they give to opposing teams and players. "After every match we shake hands, and say good job. Some times we even joke around with the other team during the match," commented Danielle Murray.

Girls showed they could rise to greatness by giving it their all and showing the utmost respect to their opponents. No matter the outcome of the match, both players shook hands and complimented each other on their play.

Ending their regular season with a 3-11 record, Coach Manda Hollis com-

mented, "I think with the amount of talent that I had to work with, it was a successful year. We lost five seniors from last years team which was 3-10. This years record was 3-11. From this point of view, I couldn't have asked for anything more. The amount of improvement from those returning was outstanding. Even though we did not have a winning record, we had a successful season."

Jamie Hamstra was the only fortunate girl to advance out of the Sectionals and on to the Regionals. "I was excited with my play at both Sectionals and Regionals and will use it as a learning experience for the next two years," commented Hamstra.

"Jamie improved tremendously from last season. Last season she only won three matches. This year she only lost two matches in the regular season excluding conference play. In addition, she was the only KV tennis player to make it to the final round at the conference tournament. The four points that Jamie scored, put us in fourth place," replied Coach Hollis.

Becky Schriener commented, "I was definitely better than last year. Our scores weren't the best, but we played a lot better and had a lot more fun." "I think our team could have done better, but we tried our hardest. We played a lot of really good schools."

Boys Reach Regionals; Ruehl Advances to Indy

Excitement filled this action packed season as the Boys Tennis team won Sectionals for the first time since 1993. "It's our best record in four years," said Coach Roberts.

Despite losing to Lake Central 1-4 at Regionals as a team, Doug Ruehl advanced to Indianapolis to compete in the Regional Individual against Senior Matt Howes of LaPorte, "I was very excited since not too many people had made it this far. I was glad I could represent my school. It was an honor. I worked hard for it all year and past

post-season," commented Ruehl. Being defeated 0-6, 2-6, Doug replied, "I was distracted by all the surroundings and just being there. I don't think I played to my full potential."

Coach Roberts added, "He was the first player to advance to Indy in my four years. He's only the second in KV history to get that far."

Getting back to the team, they improved from 6-10 to 11-7. "Lake Station was a big win. This was our first win over them in four years. Our closest match was against Michigan

Marquette. We won 3-2," Coach Roberts said.

Winners of the awards were as follows: Sportsmanship Award -Dustin Schoonveld. Most Dedicated Tennis Player-Doug Ruehl. Most Valuable Tennis Player-Doug Ruehl. Academic Award-Doug Ruehl. Rookie of the Year-Gabor Fentosi. Rookie of the Year-Adam Schaper. Most improved Tennis Player-Brett Stubblefield. Most improved Tennis Player-Brandon Arnett. One of the returning Lettermen was Doug Ruehl finishing strong at Regionals.

GIRLS TENNIS: Front Row: Barrett Belstra, Mandi Richards Second Row: Racheal Witt, Missy Torbiitt, Coach Hollis, Brooke Inman, Sarah Bapple. Back Row: Jamie Hamstra, Dawn Veld, Kaylynn Myers, Ann VanderMolen, Danielle Murray, Becky Schriener, Shayla Foley

FAR RIGHT BOYS: Coach Roberts, Gabor Fentosi, Brandon McDaniel, Adam Schaper, Dustin Schoonveld, Doug Ruehl



PRACTICING HIS SERVE. Brandon Arnett hits to a fellow teammate.

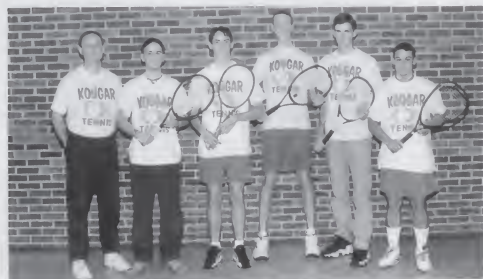


RECEIVING THE SERVE from a fellow teammate at practice, Becky Schreiner sends it back with a bang.



KOUGAR SCORES

| Boys | vs | |
|-------|---------------|---|
| 2 | Lowell | 3 |
| 5 | Knox | 0 |
| 2 | Benton C. | 3 |
| 0 | Twin L. | 5 |
| 4 | Taylor | 1 |
| 5 | East Chi. | 0 |
| 3 | Lake Stat. | 2 |
| 5 | Noll | 0 |
| 3 | Marquette | 2 |
| 1 | Rensselaer | 4 |
| 4 | North Jud. | 1 |
| 0 | N.W.H.C | |
| 0 | Twin L. | 5 |
| 0 | Rensselaer | 5 |
| 4 | Calumet | 1 |
| 0 | Crown Pt. | 5 |
| 5 | East Chi. | 0 |
| 5 | Hammond | 0 |
| 1 | Lake Cen. | 4 |
| Girls | vs | |
| 0 | Wheeler | 5 |
| 3 | Hanover Cent. | 2 |
| 2 | Rensselaer | 3 |
| 0 | North Judson | 5 |
| 1 | Hanover Cent. | 3 |
| 0 | Lake Station | 5 |
| 1 | Rensselaer | 4 |
| 3 | Benton Cent. | 2 |
| 3 | Boone Grove | 2 |
| 1 | Lowell | 4 |
| 0 | Twin Lakes | 5 |



1 2 3 Four

Grabbing a third in sectionals advanced the girls golf team to regionals for the first time in their ten year career. Even though they placed eighth, they were excited to go to regionals. Junior Megan Ginzer, who won the most etiquette award said, "I was very excited. It didn't set in my mind until it was announced. I was very proud of our team." Senior Jen Ginzer said, "It was a dream come true for Coach Green."

Dreams were par for the course as the ladies shot a 188, which broke the school record. Miracles continued as the girls broke their own record when they shot 185 against Tri County.

Jeni Tillema the rookie of the year said, "I didn't play on the top five, but I was excited that we could break the record twice." Freshman Courtney Roorda said, "Coach Green was a great coach who taught me a lot so I could improve. I learned so much from him, I am a better golfer than I use to be."

There was a tie between two girls for most valuable

player. Candice Wilson and Linsay Musch, because of there hard work and strong dedication. The most consistent golfer was Lyndsay Lauraitis by getting a 50 almost every time. The most improved golfer on the girls golf team was Raimie Truman-Forehand. She worked and kept working throughout the season. Coach Green said, "Because of the hard work and dedication during the summer we had a definite record breaking year."

Smashing trough Conference, Most Valuable golfer Rob Stubblefield won Conference Champ second year in a row. For only being a Junior he has improved majorly with a new personal best of 36. That helped the team with a season of 6 for 6. Even though they were not consistent they had a season low of 166. Boys golf awards were as follows: Most Valuable Player-Rob Stubblefield; Most Improved- Dave Fase; Most consistent-Mike Cook, Golf Etiquette-Chris Lukasik; Rookie of the Year-Mike Frederich.



BOYS:

FRONT ROW: Bryan Beougher, Tim Cavanaugh, Brain Berg, Dave Fase, Craig Kruchowski, Mike Frederich, Alex Graper **Back Row:** Ken Vaught, Jimmy Walker, Rob Stubblefield, Rich Love, Mike Cook, Chris Lukasik, Brad Murray, Caoch Green.

GIRLS:

FRONT ROW:

Courtney Roorda, Jennifer Ginzer, Megan Ginzer, Jeni Tillema, Candice Wilson **Back Row:** Coach Green, Raimie Truman-Forehand, Lyndsay Lauraitis, Heidi Niketh, Erin Green, Linsay Musch, Tiffany Lauraitis, Nichole Haberlin

LINING THE BALL, Linsay Musch, prepares to drive the ball



TOP: BEFORE THE Junior Rob Stubblefield prepares his bag



G



Golf is a very challenging and exciting sport. I'm always trying to meet my expectations and focus on improving my best score." Tiffany Lauraitis

O



"I love being able to golf with all my friends. All the golfers were so nice." Jeni Tillema

L



"If you can't find the road to success, build your own." Rob Stubblefield

F



"As a team, we weren't very consistent this year, but we had our moments." Rich Love



LADY KOUGAR SKORES

| VARSITY | VS | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|-----|-----|--------------|-----|
| 190 | PORTAGE | 213 | 255 | KNOX | 199 |
| 210 | CHESTERTON | 196 | 256 | TRI-COUNTY | 185 |
| 418 | RENSSELAER IN. | 194 | 209 | WHEELER | 185 |
| 228 | CROWN POINT | 194 | 178 | WINAMAC | 217 |
| (PURFEIT) | WHEELER | 194 | 173 | ANDREAN | 205 |
| 388 | TRI-COUNTY | 208 | 208 | LAKE CENTRAL | 215 |
| 190 | VALPO | 208 | 250 | MUNSTER | 215 |
| 269 | WEST CENTRAL | 208 | 275 | PORTAGE | 266 |
| 212 | MERRILLVILLE | 213 | 262 | CROWN POINT | 250 |
| 207 | RENSSELAER | 207 | 325 | VALPO | 245 |
| 245 | LOWELL | 212 | 248 | WEST CENTRAL | 245 |
| 233 | BISHOP NOLL | 195 | 317 | RENSSELAER | 224 |
| 311 | SOUTH NEWTON | 200 | 283 | KNOX | 244 |
| 241 | HANOVER CENTRAL | 188 | 236 | WINAMAC | 282 |
| | | | | LAKE CENTRAL | 284 |

KOUGAR SKORES

| V | VS | KV | JV | KV |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Lowell | 194 | 190 | 171 | 209 |
| North Judson | 189 | 180 | 223 | 197 |
| Rensselaer | 166 | 178 | 192 | 187 |
| Tri-County | 198 | 178 | 263 | 187 |
| Boone Grove | 174 | 187 | 198 | 207 |
| Hanover Central | 163 | 166 | 189 | 201 |
| Wheeler | 183 | 166 | 218 | 201 |
| Rensselaer | 174 | 200 | 193 | 201 |
| Lake Central | 164 | 200 | 175 | 201 |
| South Newton | 211 | 184 | 241 | 187 |
| Portage | 180 | 195 | 192 | 218 |
| Andean | 207 | 195 | | |

PRACTING FOR A meet, Alex Graper, Dave Fase, Mike Frederich, and Mike Cook await the start.

Waiting for refreshments, Senior Kyle Hamstra talks with a fellow Senior as they contemplate the arrival of Congressman Buyer.



Resting while donating blood, Junior Amanda Wilkins checks to see how much more blood is needed to fill the pint. The day was organized by Andrea Scheidt.



Making sure the clay is just right, Senior Heather Heide rolls the clay into beads during the bead workshop that the Art club hosted with Hebron.



Hanging a red ribbon on one of the schools many trees, Sophomore Marissa Green makes sure the ribbon is securely fastened. In late October, SADD and Pioneerz Club observed Red Ribbon Drug Awareness week through a poster contest, announcements and the ribbon distribution.



Taking a victory walk, Senior Laura Norris proudly displays her FFA Sweetheart title that would take her on to state.

Building

A Better World At KV

If you ask any student around Kankakee Valley in what activity he/she is most involved he/she would answer clubs. On every Wednesday clubs met during either 3rd or 5th hour depending on the nine week schedule.

Many of the clubs provided services for the school and community. Sunshine society went to nursing homes for Christmas, made stockings and collected toys for children. They also did numerous things around the school like help at speech and Academic Decathlon meets and made birthday cakes for staff. Student Council also did many activities to help make the school a better place to attend. They hosted a blood drive, collected canned goods for food shelters, and raised money for people in need in the community.

Other clubs that made a difference in people's lives were the FHA Club which set aside the week of February 9 through February 15 as National Kindness week. They passed out hugs to many of the students and staff, and prepared fruit baskets for the elderly in the community. The club also adopted grandparents at local nursing homes. FFA held FFA week on behalf of local farmers on February 16 through the 20.

Some of the more competitive clubs like Academic Decathlon competed at area competitions which they won for the tenth year in a row. They won their conference for the sixth year in a row and placed 6th overall at state.

Trips played an important role in many of the clubs activities, Pathfinders hosted a mission trip to Costa Rica to help people in that country.

All in all clubs were an important part of the school for the students and staff who were a part of them. With all of their participation they helped make KV a better place to attend and showed that it was indeed **all in the K**.



★ "Band"ed Together

There are many different types of bands which all manage to stay together at show time. "Working together as a group and staying out of trouble seemed like the best thing to do," said Freshman Dan Peo.

Although Concert Band hit a sour note after marching season was over, they managed to make it through the hard times and pull together. They received a second at ISSMA contest, and a first in the sight reading category. "I felt that the students did a superior job at

the contest. For me to say anything less about their performance, regardless of scoring, would be pointless. They gave their all and it showed. I'm very proud of them," said Mrs. Allison Wright, interim band director.

Jazz Band performed at River Forest Jazz Fest. They held the Big Band Bash, and they also performed at Music Mart in Chicago. "Music Mart was a very neat place to go to because there were so many different music stores to look in. Also, it was a great way to spread

publicity about our band and many people complemented us on our performance," said Junior Dawn Veld.

Orchestra performed only at the concerts. "I have learned new songs and ways to enhance my musical knowledge. (I developed) a love for music that will last a lifetime," said Simon Flory.

Pep Band performed at the girl's and boy's basketball games and brought the crowd to their feet with such favorites as Devil with a Blue Dress, O Ye Como Va, and Gimme Some Lovin'.



★ At DeMotte Elementary, the Concert Band waits to perform for the 5th graders.

★ During halftime, the Pep Band plays Gimme Some Lovin' for the crowd.

★ Waiting to leave Wheatfield Elementary, Nick Boersma and Jeff Misch don the mafia look for the elementary program.





★ **J**azz Band Front Row: Scott Roelofs, Jim Shinn, Row 2: Natsumi Ngawara, Todd Klomp, Jeff Misch, Becky Kovach, Row 3: Liz King, Kevan Myers, Natasha Wall, Dawn Veld,

Bryan Boougher, Susan Hinde, Sam Crawford, Becky Weissner, John Bell. Back Row: John Lerner, Matt Kovach, Nick Boersma, Nathaniel Wall, Dan Peo, Jason Sonntag, Korey Coffey.

★ **O**chestra Front Row: Jim Bean, Jennifer Penninga, Sarah Chaluk, April VanKley, Missy Will, Nathaniel Wall,

Natasha Wall, Bill Wisdom, Marla Gluth, Liz King, Row 2: Jim VanBlaircom, Simon Flory, Sean Oatis.



★ **C**oncert Band Front Row: Becky Weishaar, Shamon Takacs, Patti Yaeger, Dawn Veld, Elizabeth King, Jennifer Penninga, Christa Cook, Kim Fieldhouse, Row 2: Kim Jonkman, Kim Strehler, Nikki Pollock, Zack Paykos, Susan Hinde, Leila Pollard, Kathy Pollock, Becky Kovach, Kim Pacely, Row 3: Steve Yaeger, Nick Underwood, Natsumi Ngawara, John Bell, Marla Gluth, Dan Peo, Korey Coffey, Bryan Boougher, Keith Jolink, Brandi Kutscher, Jason Sonntag, Noel Brasel,

Aaron Nordstrom, Ryan Gunter, Kevan L. Myers, Row 4: Sarah Acuncius, Natasha Wall, Lisa Kutscher, Kathy Gunter, Nick Boersma, Josh Oezer, Sam Crawford, Scott Roelofs, Jim Shinn, Todd Klomp, John Lerner, Nathaniel Wall, Jeff Misch, Row 5: Matt Kovach, Stacy Veldman, Greg Pulido, Angie Heid, Back Row: Adam Logan, Nicholas Leskiw, Samantha DelVecchio, Karen Bonnema, Stacy Marie Zeilinger.

★ **D**ressed in the Kougat suit, Matt Kovach plays the drums for Pep Band.

★ Sailing "Seas of Blue"

"Seas of Blue" topped the charts at the South Bend Ethnic Festival and Merrillville parade. Long hours paid off as the 68 members struck up perfection with "Light Eternal." They also received a first at the Highland field show and the ISSMA District Contest and advanced to the Regional Contest. "We worked really hard and it all paid off" said Senior Susan Hinde.

As a reward for the end of the tough season, the band went to St. Louis, MO on October 24, 25, and 26, and performed in the TWA Dome. "Being able to perform in such a huge space was so awesome! Hearing our Band's music

echo through the Dome was exciting. This will definitely be unforgettable," exclaimed Junior Lisa Kutscher. The band stayed at the closest school they could get to the Dome and were able to practice on their field.

Marching Band performed on Saturday, October 25, and received Highest in Midwest rating. Before returning home they were able to visit the arch, "I had never seen the arch, and I always wanted to, so I was really excited to be able to see it, but we didn't get to stay that long," said Freshman Stacy Veldman.

On May 19 the Band &

Orchestra Awards Banquet was held. Winners included: Outstanding Freshman-Dan Peo, Outstanding Sophomore-Karen Bonnema, Outstanding Junior-Kevan Myers, Outstanding Marching Band-Matt Kovach, Outstanding Color Guard-Jessica Owen, Outstanding Concert Band-John Bell, Spirit Award-Jim Shinn, Orchestra-April VanKley, Woody Herman-Sam Crawford, Louis Armstrong-John Bell, Patrick Gilmore-Dawn Veld, and John Philip Sousa Award-Susan Hinde. "I was proud that I was recognized for what I pour my soul into," said Junior Sam Crawford.



★ While in the warm up area, Lisa Kutscher talks to her friends.

★ In St. Louis, the percussion line performs their best for the audience.

★ Smiling after a performance, Becky Weishaar, Shannon Takacs, and Kim Jonkman get together for a group picture.





★ **B**efore the Homecoming game, Nate Wall warms up while John Lerner looks on.

★ **G**iving a salute, Korey Coffer, Elizabeth King, and John Bell lead the band in the parade.



★ **M**arching at the Touch of Dutch parade, Bryan Beougher, Susan Hinde, Jesse Gonzales, and Marla Giluth play *Anchors Away*.

★ Guard

"Best Guard" boomed over the loud speaker at Highland on September 27. For a brief moment all the practice, pain, sweat and frustration banished as the Guard awaited their award from drum majors Elizabeth King, John Bell, and Korey Coffey. "Winning at Highland felt like all the hard work we did finally paid off at the end. I think that we deserved it because we spent many hours during the whole summer practicing for that day," said Kim Hutchens.

A first place in Division I in the ISSMA competition on September 4

also brought shouts of glee from the Guard members.

Decked in blue dresses designed and sewn by Nancy Gluth, the Color Guard performed to "Seas of Blue" throughout the fall program. A Division II was earned at Regional. A three day trip to St. Louis gave the guard valuable experience in the realm of interstate competitions.

At the conclusion of Marching Band, the guard lost its sponsorship and spent the winter and spring practicing old routines and trying to organize for a new fall program.

Winter Guard performed Men In Black for the home basketball games. Their shows were under the watchful eye of veteran captain April Chester and their new teacher Ms. Bola. "I think that the guard was really wonderful considering the fact that there was no director to write the show. I wish that we could have been able to compete. I hope that we get a director so that we can have a good Marching Show and a wonderful Winter Guard," said April Chester.



★ **W**aiting for the right count, Jessica Owens stands in a right shoulder stance.

★ **A**t Homecoming, Missy Torbitt and Monique Grevinstuk salute the candidates.





★ **Practicing for solo ensemble.**
Monique Grevenstuk waits for the music.



★ **During practice for solo ensemble,** April Chester is doing a front parallel.

★ **Front Row:** Missy Torbitt, April Chester, Mandi Tognarelli, Kathy Gunter, Monique Grevenstuk, Rachael Sears, Valerie Berry, Melissa Woolard.

Back Row: Winnetka Molden, Jessica Owens, Amanda Hoffman, Missy Rhorda, Jenny Hall, Cindy Buckland, Kim Hutchens, Brandi Naughton.



★ **Performing in the Homecoming parade in September,** Winnetka

Molden and Kathy Gunter display the marching flag routine.



★ **Grasping arms and crossing sa-**
lars highlight the solo ensemble rou-

tine of Valerie Berry and Rachael Sears.

★ BPA

Want to be in a club that is fun, exciting, and mind challenging all at the same time? Well then BPA is the club for you. Junior, April Vankley states that, "BPA has helped me learn so much about business while having a lot of fun."

The BPA members excelled in their candy and brochure sales held at the beginning of the year. These candy sales were crucial in obtaining enough money to attend state convention on Saturday, January 24, held in Indianapolis.

In the "OFENS" contests, Networking, Business Math, Business Law, Proofreading and Editing, Parliamentary Procedure, Business Knowledge Skills, Data Communications, and Economic Awareness were included. KV students who placed in the top ten were: Sarah Opolski, for Networking, Business Law, Parliamentary Procedures, Data Communications, and Economic Awareness, Rosie Kamminga and April Vankley, for Business Math and Missy Will for Proofreading and Editing. April Vankley won awards in the following

competitions: Business Math, Parliamentary Procedures, and Economic Awareness. Tonya Fulkerson won for Parliamentary Procedures. Tom Hobson also won for Parliamentary Procedures.

BPA members were shocked when they were snowed in at the state convention in Indianapolis. "We were snowed in and most of us were running out of money," stated senior Tonya Fulkerson. They were stranded at the Westin Hotel for 3 days with little idea of how severe the weather was back home.



★ Giving a presentation at the Torch Ceremony, Leah Sharp explains the basic principles of BPA.

★ Showing school pride Sarah Opolski and April Vankley ride in the BPA float at the homecoming parade..





☆ **K**illing time, April Vankley and Missy Will sit in the hotel lobby waiting for the storm to clear up to return home.

☆ **T**he team was stranded in Indianapolis due to the March snow storm which hit Indiana on March 9 and closed I-65 north.



☆ **B**PA: Front Row: April Vankley, Tonya Fulkerson, Leah Scharp, Jen Brasel, Kristi Swart. Row 2: Tom Hobson, Angi Ferguson, Missy Will, Sarah Opolski, Katie Abbring. Row 3: Krissy Cambe, Melissa Trevisol, Angie Conover, Stacy Zeilenga, Rosie Kamminga, Jill Hamstra. Back Row: Shannon DeVries, Rachel Toppen.

☆ **B**PA members gather to go through initiation in order to be part of BPA.



☆ **W**hile attending the banquet Missy Will and her friends eat dinner.



☆ **M**ay student of the month, Andrea Ketchum works extra hard on her business work.

★ Choir

Music is a wonderful sound that needs beautiful voices to make it sound even better. This direction came from Mr. Darnell and pianist Mrs. Tiemans. Students took one of the four choir classes to improve their voices and to have fun. They could have chosen from Treble Choir, Mens Choir, Concert Choir, or Swing Choir. "Choir is pretty cool. I like it, but you have to be committed," said Brandi Naughton.

Treble Choir was a group of about 40-60 girls. Girls performed at four concerts. At ISSMA organizational choir contest, they received a

first place. The girls learned vocal techniques and musical skills such as sight-reading, rhythmic analysis, and ear training. "I have enjoyed choir since 5th grade. It's a great experience if you like to sing," commented Nicole Callas.

Mens Choir was a group of men who sang their favorite song "Pretty Woman" at four concerts.

Concert choir was a group of 50-60 members. At the ISSMA contest, they received a first place. They learned skills of sight-reading, rhythmic analysis, and ear training.

Take it from Melissa Arambula who said, "It's not really hard, and if I can't get the right notes. I can always ask for help and get it."

Swing Choir was a group of 18 upperclass concert choir members. The group performed many times throughout the year. "I thought it would be a good opportunity to learn new dance steps since I love to dance," said Kaylynn Myers.

First place ALL State Choir members included Sara Kreischer, Sara King, Tiffany Yenchus, Josh Fernandez, Mindy Spenner, Shalya Foley, and Leah VanderMolen on piano.



★ Singing at a concert, Concert Choir members Theresa Carr, Matt Nelson, Ron Carter, Dustin Schoonveld, Josh Fernandez, Joey Knudson, Matt

Coulter, Tony Kendall, Aaron Ketchum join pianist Mrs. Tiemans on the piano.



★ **T**aking time out from a practice to talk to their friends are Summer Herendeen, Mindy Spenner, and Melissa Arambula.

★ **Mens Choir Front Row:** Adam Martin, Rocky Carter, Matt Williams, Dave Cambe. **Row 2:** Charles Kent, Andrew Thomas, Steve Cochran, Jeremy Killian, Scott Cochran. **Back Row:** Keith Buckland, Cam Bates, Tony Fink, Matt Chulik, Duncan Davis, Mike Frederick.

★ **Concert Choir Front Row:** Kendra DeVaux, Martina Plopper, Sara Kreischer, Ann VanderMolen. **Row 2:** Emily Prange, Danae Bailey, Laura Norris, Sandy Koselke, Summer Herendeen, Melissa Arambula, Shylia Foley, Julie Davidson. **Row 3:** Jenn Hayes, Mattie Cobb, Sara King, Amanda Hall, Kaylynn Myers, Mindy Spenner, Becky Schreiner, Amanda Mullins, Erin Boer. **Back Row:** Matt Nelson, Josh Fernandez, Matt Coulter, Bryan Bakrevski, Jesse Talley, Dustin Schoonveld, Wally Kendall, Sean Lapsley, Tony Kendall, Aaron Ketchum, Ron Carter.



★ **Treble Choir:** **Front Row:** Summer Herendeen, Jennifer Williams, Janice Armstrong, Debra Howard, Brandi Naughton, Marisa Scott, Christine Spissirri, Jeni Tillema, Lydia Clark, Flavia Leite, Luz Arambula. **Row 2:** Nicole Callas, Tabitha Townsend, Amber Hesterman, Melissa Arambula, Candice Carter, Ashleigh Burger, Tonya Kulezyk, Chrissy Thomas, Erica Greenwood, Michele Navoy, Lauren Novac, Michelle Bennett, Krissy Carr, Erica

Hentschel. **Row 3:** Escalen DeVries, Stephanie Krulik, Sarah Bapple, Kathie Bennett, Barrett Belstra, Frances Laud, Amy Stephens, Amanda Ivasieco, Amanda Battista, Liz Wilson, Melissa Trevisol. **Back Row:** Kim Goetz, Tiffany Yenchus, Sara Shanks, Erika Wampler, Jenn Hayes, Veronica Madden, Sarah Kennedy, Carly Hamstra, Melissa Gott, Tara Howard, Stefanie DeKock, Leah VanderMolen, Shirley Clark, Amber McIntosh, Mary Walstra, Jodi VanderWoude.

★ **S**wing Choir: **Front Row:** Sean Lapsley, Mindy Spenner. **Row 2:** Teresa Carr, Ron Carter, Josh Fernandez, Becky Schreiner, Amanda Hall, Jesse Talley, Wally Kendall,

Laura Norris, Aaron Ketchum, Martina Plopper, Tony Kendall, Mattie Cobb. **Back Row:** Shylia Foley, Emily Prange, Sara Kreischer, Kaylynn Myers.

★ Computer/Media

Parties and running around giving dues notices to the students was just one of the things the Media Club did. "It was fun learning new and interesting things in the library," said Kenny Speed.

Another thing they did was go on a field trip to Medieval Times. There they ate food while watching a jousting match. Along with the regular guests there were also the three joker

knights (Jeremy Killion, Rich Ammerman, and Brent Wall). Killion said, "I just decided to be different, I put my crown on upside down which made my friends do it which started the Joker Knights".

Rich Ammerman the second in command Knight added, "Being the Joker Knights wasn't a planned thing, we did it on the spur of the moment. Guess we just wanted to be different."

Computer Club once again played games. For the second year in a row, Doom was the top game with Wallpipe in a close second. Ryan Niemiller said, "I found Computer Club's festivities to be more than joyful. While partaking in computer-esque activities, I was overwhelmed by the craziness of the games, it was *swell*."

Brian Berg added, "It was fun to play games in class."



★ Media Club members have a night on the town as they have dinner in the time of wizards and

dragons at Medieval Times. In the background the joker knights Brent Wall, Rich Ammerman, and Jeremy Killion can be seen in their upside down attire.



★ Dan Odle and Chris Kunken play a game on the computers.

✧ Cameron Baker counts the number of charges for the day.



✧ **Computer Club:** Front Row Mr. Ladd, Dustin Schoonveld, Wally Kendall, Erik Cornet, Gavin Bristol. Row 2: Kay Myers, Stephanie Krulik, Tom Fox, Tom Barcus, Ryan Niemiller, Troy Nuss, James Myers. Row 3: Mike Harris,

Kenny Speed, Daniel Odle, Matt Spurgeon, Brian Berg, Chris Kinken, David Hancock. Back Row: J.R. Tuinstra, Rob Belsira, Rich Ammerman, Ryan Lewandowski, Jason Voeller, Tom Fentress, Sean Lapsley.



✧ **Media Club:** Front Row: Tim Cavanaugh, Sarah Huckabay, Kenny Speed, Gavin Bristol, Erica Marshall. Row 2: Kristen Shiyon, Stacey Mitchell, Jasmine Jones, Bob LaLonde, Mr. McAtte. Back Row: Jessica Lenz, Angie Ketchum, Krissy Cambe.

✧ **Computer Club Members** get a lecture by Mr. Ladd on how to properly handle the computers.



☆Thespians recreate Russia

Fools is the story of Leon Tolchinsky (Wally Kendall), who is lured into the cursed town of Kulyenchikov by Dr. Zubritsky (John Bell) and his wife Lenya (Sara Kreischer) to teach their daughter Sophia (Amber VanKley). However, the town is cursed with stupidity because one of Sophia's ancestors was forbidden to marry an unintelligent man. The man's father placed a curse on the village which made everyone stupid and unable to leave the village. The only way to break the curse was to educate someone or by Sophia marrying a descendant of the curser, such as Count Gregor (Dustin Schoonveld). Leon ends up fooling the village to think that he's a descendant of Yousekevitch, marries Sophia, and the curse is broken.

The play took a lot of work to be ready in only one month. Students involved in the show stayed an average of

three hours a night every day after school. The week before the performances, actors would have to stay after school until nine or ten o'clock. Sean Lapsley commented, "The worst thing about the play was the long practices." Stephanie Krulik however thought the worst thing about **Fools** was cleaning the paint brushes over and over during the set construction. After much work, several cast members received achievement awards. Amber VanKley, Dustin Schoonveld, and Bridget Roorda received their double honor bar for devoting over 600 hours to drama. Angela Heid received her triple honor bar, which meant she has devoted over 1,200 hours. In the end, the performance was great. "I think the show was the funniest, and the audience's feedback was wonderful. The cast and crew were great and we all had a wonderful time," said Rebecca Chase.



✱Covering one eye, Jesse Talley is having a checkup taken by John Bell.

✱Wondering why Jessica Holobowski's cow is upside down, Becky Fox and Rebecca Chase inquire about the unusual event.

✱Excited to be at the wedding, Sean Lapsley, Jessica Holobowski, Becky Fox, and Rebecca Chase comment on the bride's mother's dress.





★**R**ealizing that they don't have time to spare, Becky Fox, Rebecca Chase, and Sean Lapsley jump up from prayer while John Bell, Jessica Holobowski, and Sara Kreischer continue praying.

★**B**ottom Center: Trying to make Amber Vankley see his side, Wally Kendall attempts to convince her that learning is important.

★**E**xplaining that the wedding can take place, Wally Kendall persuades Sean Lapsley, Amber Vankley, and Sara Kreischer.



★**T**rying to stop the wedding, Dustin Schoonveld talks to Jesse Talley as Wally Kendall listens in on the conversation.

★**A**t the beginning of the wedding, Wally Kendall and Dustin Schoonveld tell Sara Kreischer how beautiful she looks.

★**P**roud of Amber Vankley for learning how to sit, Sara Kreischer and John Bell applaud her talent.

☆ Actors Activities

Winter Drama Festival reached higher standards than expected. "Just as the play was looking like it was going to fall apart, everyone pulled together and did extremely well," said Nichole Haberlin.

Even when times were tough, the actors always had fun. "The best part about being in drama is getting to meet new people, hanging out with all of my friends, and of course to act like a complete moron," said Erika Wampler.

Sandy Koselke said, "The best part about being in Winter Drama Fest is that no matter how goofy or stupid you are there is always someone worse than you." At the Winter Drama Festival, Nichole Haberlin, Mandi Tognarelli, Jennifer Sabuda, John Lerner, and Stephanie Krulik earned their Thespian Member-

ships. Marla Gluth and Tricia Stubblefield earned their honor bar, and therefore received their Thespian jackets. Kimmy Woods earned her double honor bar, and received a Thespian watch. Jesse Talley earned his triple honor bar, and received a Thespian ring.

Trying something new, Mrs. Steiner organized an improv troupe. Improv means without planning or preparation, which means the actors were given an idea and then had to perform it with only seconds to prepare. It was made up of approximately 20 middle and high school students. The improv troupe performed two separate shows with two separate casts.

Being low on funds, the Drama Club tried several new fundraisers. In addition to the usual wreath selling at

Christmas and candy sales, the Drama Club cosponsored the Silly Hawkins Dance. They also had a coffee house, which had a relaxing atmosphere along with entertainment.

Drama Club officers were President Sara Kreischer, Vice President John Bell, Treasurer Kimberly Woods, and Secretary Amber VanKley. The representatives were Angie Heid, technical; Jessica Holobowski, senior, Jesse Talley, junior, and Kaylynn Myers, sophomore. Several new positions were created. These included: Newsletter Editor Amber VanKley and Theodor Swedjemark (assistant); Webmaster, Jesse Talley and Stephanie Krulik (assistant); Historians Kaylynn Myers and Bridget Koorda (present), and Becky Chase and Jessica Holobowski (past).



★**DRAMA CLUB:** Front Row: Angie Heid, John Bell, Sara Kreischer, Amber VanKley, Jessica Holobowski, Jesse Talley, Kaylynn Myers. Row 2: Kimmy Woods, Joe Knudsen, Theodor Swedjemark, Wally Kendall, Dustin Schoonveld, Tricia Stubblefield, Dane Jalovec, Becky Fox, Rebecca Chase, Martina Plopper, D. Andrew Nannenga, Sean Lapsley, Shelley Myers, Lauren Novae, Sundae Kubacki. Row 3: Emily Prange, Izila Pollard, Tom Fentress, Tony Kendall, Jen Musch, Gavin Bristol, Josh Fernandez, Bryan Bakrevski. Row 4: Marla Gluth, Scott Roelis, Shayla Foley, Bridget Koorda, Ron Carter, Bryan Beougher, Sandy Koselke, Stephanie Krulik, Jennifer Szabo. Row 5: Jake Nimetz, Liz Wilson, Pat Dixon, Natasha Wall, Valerie Berry, Erika Wampler, Sara Shanks, Julie Davidson, Chelle McKernan. Row 6: Nichole Haberlin, Rudy Mance, Tia Owens, Melissa Koorda, Dave Cambe, Jenn Sabuda, Lydia Clark, Erin Green, Monica Arambula, Danielle Marlett, Amanda Hoffman, Nicole Callas.

★**Center:** With smiles, Becky Fox, Sandy Koselke, Kaylynn Myers, and Jessica Holobowski throw down their canes while tapping.

★**Doing a Monty Python skit,** John Lerner stands up for himself, while D. Andrew Nannenga checks his coconuts.





✧ Listening to Erika Wampler's endless rambling, the cast of *The Final Dress Rehearsal* grows tired.

✧ Gripping Mandi Tognarelli's hands, Julie Davidson discusses the oddities of *Cinderella*.

✧ Top Photo: Feeling sorry for herself, Kimmy Woods wishes she could go to the Prince's birthday party.

☆ Medieval Musical

☆ As the wandering minstrel and the first character the audience sees, Justin Hutson strives to make a good first impression.

Once Upon a Mattress opened with the minstrel, Jutsin Hutson recalling the story of the Princess and the Pea. The chorus sang of their need for a princess for they could not marry until Prince Dauntless, John Bell did.

Sir Harry, Josh Fernandez promised Lady Larkin, Kendra DeVries that he would personally go out and find a princess who could pass Queen Aggravain, Mindy Spinner's test. Later, Sir Harry arrived with the outgoing Winnifred, Rebecca Chase. The queen and the wizard, Wally Kendall, both found Winnifred extremely crude, and decided to test her for sensitivity. After a restless night on 20 mattresses lumped over a pea, Winnifred was accepted as the new princess. The queen became mute, and the king, Bryan Bakrevski, who was mute, could speak.

The cast had a lot of fun. Shayla Foley said, "Once Upon a Mattress was a fun show. I got to meet a lot of new people. I made a lifetime of memories."

Dustin Schoonveld said, "My favorite thing was busting people up with the mattresses, and not getting into trouble. That was always cool as long as you remembered to duck."

At the end of **Once Upon a Mattress**, Ryan Myers, Dave Cambe, Bryan Beougher, Natasha Wall, Theodore Swedjemark, Justin Price and Mattie Cobb earned their Thespian membership. Leila Pollard received her honor bar and a Thespian jacket. Sara Kreischer and Jessica Holobowski earned their double honor bars, and each received a watch. Rebecca Chase earned her triple honor bar and a Thespian ring.



✱ **T**elling Kendra DeVries of his love for her, Josh Fernandez gets down on one knee.

✱ **C**enter: Being rejected by Wally Kendall and Mindy Spinner, Bridget Roorda is handed a consolation prize, and is asked to leave the kingdom as John Bell pouts.

✱ **A**fter Rebecca Chase has just flung him, John Bell looks up in awe of her strength.





★C ombining actions and words, the trio of Justin Hutson, Bryan Bakrevski, and Jesse Talley relate their embarrassing moment in "The Minstrel, the Jester and I."

★L ecturing John Bell on the qualities of a picture perfect wife, Mindy Spenner desires a true princess.

★T op Telling John Bell of her memories, Rebecca Chase sings "Swamps of Home" as Shayla Foley, Ann Vandermolen, and Sara Kreischer join in on harmony.

★A bove left: Doing what they like best, the knights of the cast viciously collide into one another and drop the mattresses.

★ PIONEERZ

PIONEERZ was an important arm of a Drug-Free Jasper County. Members from the three Jasper County High Schools, Rensselaer, Tri-County and Kankakee Valley participated in events. Two of these events were the Fall and Spring Retreats at Camp Buffalo. Planning of activities for the upcoming year, along with the sharing of ideas and experiences with Rensselaer and Tri-County was the focus of these retreats.

Two days spent at the retreat were packed with fun, yet intense moments, which were designed to help teens get in touch with each other and themselves. Bridget Roorda, a sopho-

more member commented, "The PIONEERZ retreat was a blast. I got to meet lots of new people and learned more about those I knew."

Another activity by the PIONEERZ was visiting sixth grade TEAMS classes. Thirty minutes every other Friday was spent discussing topics such as harassment and drug-related issues.

Fifth graders were also visited by PIONEERZ members, who went as role models, in conjunction with the DARE program. "Talking to the fifth and sixth graders and being role models was a lot of fun," commented senior member Stacy Zeilenga.

Along with DARE, PIONEERZ members participated in the Red Ribbon Month of October. Members traveled to the Court House in Rensselaer and joined the other two schools in making red ribbons and bows. These bows and ribbons were distributed to students and placed throughout towns.

Miss Boos, Mrs. Krejsa, and Mrs. Green were the PIONEERZ sponsors. Each contributed to all activities, including the two Retreats. PIONEERZ worked through students and the local law enforcement offices to promote awareness and understanding, in hopes of achieving a better world.



★ Pioneerz members pause during a talk with Mrs. Krejsa for a quick photo at the spring retreat.



★ Stacy Zeilenga, with the other seniors, came to the spring retreat for only a short time to reflect on their past PIONEERZ experiences.

★ Sara Kreischer and Martina Plopper take a break from the intense Fall Retreat.



★ Tom Fentress talks to Mr. Flynn's fifth grade class during the DARE presentation.

★ Front row: SueEllyn Jones, Bridget Roorda, Second row: Mick Snyder, Monica Arambula, Miss Boos, Luz Arambula, Sandy Koselke, April VanKley, Rachel McCaulley, Back row: Sarah Kennedy, Dustin Saboff, Josh Fernandez, Marissa Green, Jessica Whitaker, Adam Helbda, Tom Fentress.

★ Front Row: Sarah Opolski, Stacy Zeilenga, Martina Plopper, Luz Arambula, Back Row: Josh Fernandez, Sara Kreischer, Dave

Hancock, Tom Fentress, Dawn Veld, SueEllyn Jones, Shelley Myers, Amanda King, D. Andrew Nannenga, and Sarah Kennedy.

★ Environmental

Environmental Club members participated in and sponsored several events and activities. Officers were SueEllyn Jones--president, Jesse Talley--vice-president, Karen Ford--secretary, Mick Snyder--treasurer, Nick Leskiw--photographer, and Mrs. Prochno--sponsor. Members, as well as officers participated in work days for the local Nature Conservancy.

Candy was sold throughout November and the \$500 was donated to South County Residents Opposing the Dump (SCROD). Selling of environ-

mental t-shirts raised \$200 which was donated to the Kankakee Valley Clean Air Committee (KVCAC). President, SueEllyn Jones, commented, "This new committee is a worthwhile cause for the well-being of our area." River Otters of Indiana benefitted from the \$50 raised during the Walk-a-Thon in April. Members were encouraged to participate in other Earth Week activities April 13-17. Included in these were Clean-up day, Stuffed Animal day, Environmental Shirt day, and Green day.

Adopt-a-Highway was yet an-

other activity. Members donated their time twice to clean up the highway. Tricia Cusack, senior member, commented, "There is just so much garbage along our stretch of the highway and by cleaning it up, we're helping the natural habitat of the species that live around it."

Science Club members, along with Mr. Martikean as their sponsor, conducted several experiments, one of which was making iron for the welding class. Members learned important techniques from these experiments through hands-on experiences and projects.



★ Returning the bin to the classroom, Lindsey Pendergrass gives up her study time to collect paper for recycling.

★ Mick Snyder does his share for Earth Week and picks up garbage in the courtyard.





☆ **A**ccepting a check from President Sue Ellyn Jones, Linda Cosgrove of SCROD shows her appreciation for the Environmental Club's fundraising efforts.

☆ **S**cience Club: D. Andrew Nannenga, Angela Heid, Gavin Bristol.



☆ **E**nvironmental Club: Front

Row: Jen Wians, Mick Snyder, Karen Ford, SueEllyn Jones, Jesse Talley, Nicholas Leskiw, Becca Hartzler, Row 2: Chrissy Rogers, Krissy Cambe, Angie Ketchum, Sarah Huckabay, Jasmine Jones, Missy Will, Jamie VanWienen, Tricia Cusack, Amy Bickett, Heather Heide, Colleen Donohoe, D. Andrew Nannenga, Row 3: Leila Pollard, April VanKley, Shelley Myers, Amber Smith, Colina

Shirkey, Chrissy David, Shawnee Erway, Vicky Coffer, Amanda King Sara King, Amanda Mullins, Kimberly Rice, Row 4: Marla Gluth, Amanda Alberts, Celina DiTola, Tiffany Jones, Rachel McCaulley, Michelle McKernan, Amy Hendricks, Joe Yaeger, Back Row: Kristen Kruchowski, Nicole Kearney, Simon Flory, Natasha Armstrong, Lori Koutouzis, Sarah Bapple, Brian Culbreth, Adam Bauman, Nicole Callas, Mrs. Prochno.



☆ **S**ueEllyn Jones and Mrs. Prochno discuss fundraising ideas for the year ahead of them.

☆ **A**bove left: Going over notes, April VanKley and Chrissy Thomason plan activities for Environmental Club.

★ FCA, Spirit, Varsity

Squeaking out a 93-92 score, the faculty took the victory in the annual Spring Varsity Club basketball game. Sore muscles and aching backs did not undermine the sweet reward for the master athletes. Both teams fought hard for the win, and the many student fans in the crowd were disappointed when the faculty pulled ahead in the end.

Varsity Club also sported letters and jackets representing 23 sports in the school's offerings. The Varsity Club was run by Mr. Greenlee and officers were Tim Coffey, president,

Tom Swafford, vice president, and Kyle Hanley, treasurer.

Supporting the athletes was Mrs. Steiner's Spirit Club, who met once a week in the morning. Clappers were a hot item with the kids during the football season. Given out at Homecoming, the stands rang in thunderous applause as the entire crowd got into the act of cheering on the team. Pom Poms were also sold to spark support for the fall sports line up. Spirit Club helped out in everything that had to do with spirit and cheering on the Kougars to victory.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

attended a Purdue football game against Michigan State and supported Christian ethics on and off the field. Leading the club was Darren Dase as president, Jeff Boer as vice president, and Tim Coffey as treasurer.

Mr. McKay said about his club, "We actually did a lot this year." Throughout the year FCA met every other Thursday at 7:00 a.m. Along with donuts and juice, they had speakers including Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Moorehouse, Mr. McKay, and Mr. Lewellan who came and talked to the students about life and sports.



★ **A**t the Varsity Club faculty vs. student game, Darren Dase throws the basketball to a teammate as Mr. Hummel tries to block him.

★ **D**uring spirit week, Danielle Murray chose to dress up in her safari clothes to show spirit.



☆ **A**t the Twin Lakes basketball sectionals, Stacy Recker, Jen Wians, Kylene Kramer, Michelle Yokovich,

Helen Hicks, Danielle Kariowsky, Summer Johnson, Jen Baird, and Kristen Kruchowski dress crazy to pep up the team.



☆ **F**CA: Front Row: Steve Schoon, Darren Dase, Tim Coffey, Jeff Boer, Jennifer Ginzer, Jessica Ramage, Stacy Recker, Jill Peterson, Jen Wians, Kylene Kramer, Jessica Bell, SueEllyn Jones, Diane Wright. Row 2: Jenn DeYoung, Mike Bozell, Noah Forsythe, Justin Carden, Helen Hicks, Jilyan English, Brent Przybylski, Kevin Getz, Tim Fanston, Brad Murray, Summer Johnson, Kim Goetz, Bridget Roorda. Row 3: Mick Snyder, Jen Spurgeon, Lindsey Pendergrass, Ashley Rewerts, Dan Nannenga, Kyle Hamstra, Aaron Porter, Eric Banks, Jason VanderWoude, Leah Scharp, Becca Hartzler, Lyndsay Lauraitis, Chris Scott, Jonathan Hart. Row 4: Mandi Richards, Carly Hamstra, Amanda Donis, Gina Stevens, Jamie Hamstra,

Steve Myers, Jeff Terborg, Adam Hamstra, Jacob Schoon, Megan Ginzer, Lindsay Musch, Keith Marshall. Row 5: Kyle Martin, Brooke Inman, Brian Kaluf, Angie Ferguson, Danielle Murray, Shayla Foley, Barrett Belstra, Matt Spurgeon, Brian Berg, Sean Corbett, Melissa Miranda, Doug Ruehl, Stefanie DeKock, Jill Kaluf, Tony Fentress, Alex Graper, Ryan Myers, Ashleigh Burger, Phil Kubacki, Fred Dufflinger, Mr. McKay, Erin Greenlee, Naura Keiser, Melissa Richardson. Back Row: Matt Daniels, Chad Nannenga, Scott Hamstra, Matt Woods, Mark Ceglarek, Jeff Garvey, Brock Roorda, Adam Day, Matt Bristol, Nichole Haberman, Courtney Roorda, Jeni Tillema, Sandy Koselke, Jim Bean.

☆ **S**pirit Club: Front Row: Dana Yarnowski, Mike Bozell. Row 2: Sara Kretschmar, Martina Flopper, Jennifer Trock, Beth Stevie, Alana Zarimba, Kristen Kruchowski, Lindsey Pendergrass, Danielle Murray, Angie Ferguson, Heidi Huckabay. Row 3: Christina Shiyani, Jessica Lenz, Jenn DeYoung, Tracy Opolski, Emily Prange, Shayla Foley, Danae

Baden, Susanenji Rawlin. Row 4: SueEllyn Jones, Katelynn Myers, Stephanie Kruft, Mandi Richards, Tricia Stubblefield, Rebecca Chase, Tavia Lente, Jessica Bell. Back Row: Stephanie Newbury, Katie Chermak, Mindy Jonkman, Marisa Scott, Courtney Roorda, Nichole Haberman, Shannon Takas.



☆ **V**arsity club: Front Row: Kyle Hamstra, Tim Coffey, Doug Ruchl, Mike Bozell, Angie Ferguson, Thomas Barr, Tom Swafford, D. Andrew Nannenga, Kylene Kramer, Jennifer Ginzer, Jennifer Trock, Brent Kaper, Jill Garvey, Kaimie Truman Forehand. Row 2: Cory Concus, Jilyan English, Robert Stubblefield, Tracy Opolski, Jenn DeYoung, David Hancock, Jen Wians, Helen Hicks, Leah Scharp, Becca Hartzler, Summer Johnson, Megan Ginzer, Jennifer Spurgeon,

Steve Schoon, Brett Stubblefield. Row 3: Aaron Shelbourne, Ashley Rewerts, Lyndsay Lauraitis, Chris Scott, Stacy Recker, Jen Baird, Jill Peterson, Jake Slatton, Lance Culp, Ann Vander Molen, Jessica Bell, Rachel Sorba, Simon Flory, Kristen Kruchowski. Back Row: Mandi Richards, Emily Prange, Shayla Foley, Kevin Getz, Heidi Huckabay, Dan Nannenga, Brent Przybylski, Kimmy Woods, Diane Watson, Chris Lukasik, Justin Carden, Kyle Hanley, Brian Kaluf, Brad Murray, Jeff Boer.

☆ Art/Mirage

Journeys of the Unimaginable was the theme of *Mirage*, the 51 page literary magazine. Justin Holland earned \$25 when he won the cover contest. Justin Saltarski and Brian Stumptied for honorable mention. Justin said, "I think it was great to win money for something you enjoy doing. I think it was the meaning behind the drawing that helped me win."

Four dividers on the inside were *Love* which had poems of love from some well known students like Jasmine Jones. Another section was *Hard Times* which included poems of depression. In the middle was *Pictures* with many different doodles and sketches from students. Following that was *Perceptions* which had poems of any random sights. The last section was *Dedications* with a special poem by Sara King and a drawing by Dandrew Nannenga entitled "*In Loving Memory of Stephanie*" Dandrew said, "*Mirage* was fun. I enjoyed meeting the other members. *Mirage* was a handful between track and work, it

was hard to make it to some of the meetings. Overall I feel it was well worth it, and everyone should get involved."

Outstanding *Mirage* members were John Hesterman (Scooby), Jessica Leaton, Jen Colbert, Dandrew Nannenga, and Dave Cambe. "*Mirage* is fun, and I enjoyed being in it. It's a great learning experience. I think everyone should be able to have as much fun as I did," said Jen Colbert. Ms. Brigid Boos sponsored the magazine.

In another creative mode, Art Club has done some interesting things. Decorating the halls for Homecoming, the Club chose palm trees and vines to support the theme: Welcome to the Jungle. One decoration had a Kougur that looked like a football player swinging on a vine and holding a North Newton player in a headlock.

Painting McDonald's windows for Christmas, students created trees, reindeer and other Christmas items. The display also had a sled that looked like a French fry box.

Art Club hosted a bead making workshop and pizza party for Hebron High School Art Club. Students made tiny beads out of clay and used these beads to make necklaces and bracelets. Even Ms. Miller got in on the act and made a bead necklace for herself. She said, "The thing I liked most was that the kids from Hebron came and got to work with Art kids at the workshop." Bill Wisdom an Art Club member added, "I found bead making to be one of the high points in my depressing life. Thank you Mrs. Klockow."

On April 30 the Art Club took a field trip to Oak Ridge Studios to learn about how to be a blacksmith with silver. Artists made rings out of silver to take home.

Art Show 98' winners were Matt Chalik for Best 2-D picture, Rich Sears created a dragon for Best 3-D image, Sarah Chalik's violin sketching won the Judge's Choice and the double winner was Jacob Jungles' camouflage pen and ink sketching for Principal's Choice and Best of Show.



✧ Rich Sears holds the dragon which won Best 3-D image honors on May 21.

✧ Sarah Chalik and Jake Jungles hold their pictures for Judges Choice (Chalik), Principal's Choice and Best of Show (Jungles).



✧ Working on the floor, Dave Cambo, Jen Colbert, and Shannon Earle bind

the covers as Dandrew Nannega gets orders over the phone and Jessica

Leaton and John Hesterman work at the desk after school to finish Mirage.



✧ Art Club: Front Row: Jen Kikkert, Jessica Bell, Susannah Rawlins, Flaria Leite, Erin Green, Travis Earl, Elizabeth King, Crissy Thomason, Raimie

Truman-Forehand. Back Row: Matt Chalik, Mrs. Klockow, Crissy David, Colina Shirkey, Elena Burnaska, Cole O'Bryan, Shirley Clark, Bill Wisdom, Heather Heide, and Sarah Chalik.



✧ Mirage: Michelle Bennett, Sarah Jen Grantar, Jennifer Colbert, Jen Chalik, Marla Gluth, Chrissy Thomas, Musch, John Hesterman, Dave Cambo

★ FFA

Community involvement was the key to the success of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs. Under the tenured direction of Mr. Steve Inman, the club participated in 19 activities.

Out of state activities included the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Senior Trip in St. Louis.

Community activities also sparked children's interest in the farming industry as FFA members received recognition at the Jasper County Petting Zoo, the children's coloring contest and

the Fieldhouse Ford sponsored calendars. "At the Petting Zoo I helped set the cages up and helped people when they wanted to pet animals. I also saw a Grand National Rodeo and a Diamond Rio concert!" commented Steve Molden.

Throughout the year members earned numerous honors from soil judging to National competition. Janice Armstrong received First place in the Treasurer's Book Contest, Rheannon Bratcher and Steve Molden received First place in the Scrapbook contest, and Fred Duttlinger won First

place in the Greenhand Agricultural Mechanics Demonstration.

Qualifying for state level and receiving First place for landscape management for the Placement Project at Countryside Nursery and Third place for Leadership Horticulture Demonstration was Paul Eenigenburg. "I was pleased since Landscaping is what I plan on doing for my life occupation" said Paul.

Throughout the year, members learned new techniques of farming, as well as perfected their specialty through competition.



★ Overseeing the spring plant sale, student teacher, Mr. Kollagen, learns the intensity of the staff's desire to possess spring bedding plants.

★ Standing next to the oldest tractor, FFA member Darrell Stalbaum reminds students how far tractors have come.

★ Standing next to the most expensive tractor, FFA member, Josh Oliver celebrates National FFA week by driving his tractor to school.



★ **F**FA Queen Court: Freshmen Frances Latud and Fred Duttlinger, Sophomores Bridget Roorda and Jeremiah Rushmore, Juniors Janice Armstrong and Steve Molden, and Seniors Queen Laura Norris and George Hamstra.



★ **T**aken to the auction block, price in the slave auction. Paul Eenigenburg awaits his final



★ **M**r. Inman celebrates the END of the Jasper County Fair. This cartoon depicts how Mr. Inman felt after the fair.

★ **G**oing over figures with State FFA Treasurer, Alyssa Web, are FFA members Rob Vermejan, Tony Hixson, and Matt Kuhn.



★ **F**ront Row: Laura Norris, Helen

Hicks, Christopher Halaburt, Jen Kikkert. Row 2: Mr. Inman, Ryan Myers, Rhannon Bratcher, Mike Gott, Fred Duttlinger, Jerry Fraley, Paul Eenigenburg, Alvin Johnson, Janice Armstrong. Back Row: Darrell Stalbaum, Jacob Misch, Tom Cheney.

☆ FHA

Future Homemakers of America concentrated on fund-raising and Heart awareness. Altruistic projects helped members understand the importance of community involvement. Members also spent a great deal of time working on projects for state convention.

FHA members were involved in many fundraisers that included: candy sales during the second week of February to help raise money for projects and state convention participants. Senior, Junelle Cox won a trip to Great America

for being the top seller.

Another well accomplished activity the club held a "raffle with a lot of heart." To help the Children's Heart Foundation founded by John Santer. Herbie the bear was 15" tall and hand crafted by Algebra teacher, Mrs. Sherwood. Tickets were sold for \$1.00 a piece to make a grand total of \$310. The lucky winner of Herbie was Patty Hollingshed of Chesteron.

Members packed 33 fruit baskets for the elderly which were given to

the community and Rensselaer Nursing Home around Christmas.

From April 2 at 6 to April 4 at 9: Amy Bronski, Jamie Carter, Danielle McMunn, Lauren Hanewich, and Rachel Toppen attended state convention at Indianapolis.

Receiving a bronze medal award for the scrapbook was Jamie Carter and Amy Bronski. Receiving an honorable mention medal for the scrapbook were Lauren Hanewich, Danielle McMunn and Rachel Toppen.



☆ Adding some last minute touch ups, Amy Bronski prepares the scrapbook for state convention.



☆ Preparing for the Heart Foundation Raffle, Anna Arambula decorates the display.



★ Working hard, freshman Jamie Carter prepares a page in the scrapbook for state convention.



★ Mrs. Sherwood who made the bear and John Santner, founder of the Heart Foundation presents Patty Hollingshed of Chesterton Herbie the bear. Herbie was first prize in the FHA raffle. Mrs. Schroeder, FHA sponsor presents the check.



★ State convention award winners were Amy Bronski, Jamie Carter both bronze for the scrapbook. Lauren Hanewich, Rachel Toppen, and Danielle McMunn won honorable mention for best childrens activity book.



★ Future Homemakers of America: Steph Owens, Danielle McMunn, Mandy Beverly, Anna Arambula, Shannon Hancock. Row 2: Ms. Schroeder, Crystal Williams, Stacy Mitchell, Christina Shiyan, Jessica Lenz. Row 3: Luz Arambula, Ana Marie Gonzalez, Monica

Tipton, Winnetka Molden, Alycia Norman, Jamie Carter. Back Row: Melissa Nommensen, Shannon DeVries, Rachel Toppen, Holly Estill, Leia Martin, Lauren Hanewich, Amy Bronski, Amy Stephens.

★ Foreign Language

Maximizing the diversity of the Foreign Language Club sponsor Mrs. Carey provided activities which highlighted major festivals and holidays in various cultures.

Keeping with tradition Christmas found French and German students decorating trees in traditional holiday fair. Members also Christmas caroled around the community, and went to Chicago to the Museum of Science and Industry, to see the Christmas trees from around the world.

On May 6, Spanish students and club members celebrated Cynco di

Mayo which recognized the battle won by Mexico over France.

Members also participated in the Homecoming parade by decorating a car.

In January, club members were delighted with the arrival of Masako Fugaski who spent a semester teaching Japanese to school age children during lunch and in after school programs. Japanese teacher even taught the special art of Origami (paper folding).

A trip to Quebec fell through when an insufficient number of people signed up for the trip.

In the spring German, French, and Spanish students sold raffle tickets in order to raise funds for Dawn Veld's trip to Germany which was hosted by the IU Honors Program. Foreign Language Club President Susan Hinde received the Foreign Language Club scholarship of \$500.

Throughout the year members enjoyed discovering traditions through the various foreign exchange students who included Natsumi Nigawara of Japan, Gabor Fentosi of Austria and Theodor Swedjemark of Sweden.



★ Showing his support, Tom Fentress rides in the Foreign Language Club float during the Homecoming parade.

★ Posing for a quick picture, Susan Hinde gets another memory in front of the Eiffel Tower. Hinde spent eight weeks in France for the Indiana University Summer Honors program.





★ Looking for the right spot, Rosie Kamminga places one of the many paper animals she made in Japanese class on the origami wall.



★ Getting a memento of her trip to France, Susan Himde gets a picture with her host family.



★ Foreign Language Club: Front

Row Natsumi Nigawara, Mrs. Carey, sponsor, Adam Bristol Secretary, Jenn DeYoung, Treasurer, Elizabeth King, Vice-President, Susan Himde, President, Jennifer Spurgeon, Kristen Kruchowski, Nicole Kearney, Tracy Opolski, Angie Ferguson, Mandi Richards. Row 2: Bridget Koorda, Danielle Murray, Jennifer Trock, David Hancock, Martina Plopper, Megan Ginzer, Michelle Bennett, Carly Hamstra, Helen Hicks, Leah Sharp, Teresa Carr. Row 3: Jennifer Szabo, Rebecca Chase, Tricia Stubblefield, Jennifer Ginzer, Justin Shafer, Ann VanderMolen, Erica Marshall, Rosie Kamminga, Joe Knudsen, John Bell. Row 4: Sara Strong, Tiffany Jones, Becky Fox, Jessica Holobowski, Emily Bristol, Gina Stevens, Jill Peterson, Heidi Huckabay, Beth Strong, Doug Ruchl, Rachel Sorba. Row 5: Craig Kruchowski, Mike Frederich, Rob Veden, Jen Norman, Marissa Green, Jessica Whitaker, Jessica Ramage, Casey King, Tom Fentress. Row 6: Mick Snyder, Sarah Kennedy, Val Bahnerth, Angi Williams, Lindsay Musch, Caitlin Ritchie, Sundae Kubacki, Shelley Myers, Chris Dixon, Bill Gusinger, Jimmy Walker. Row 7: Bridgette Barr, Noel Brasel, Bekah Valenkamph, Barrett Belstra, Courtney Koorda, Jennifer Henke, Tiffany Brubaker, Erin Greenlee, Amanda King. Row 8: Jen Brasel, Lisa Groot, Stephanie Krukli, Jennifer Penninga, Dawn Veld, Natasha Wall, Amanda Sipkema. Back Row: Keith Marshall, Erin Green, Naura Keiser, Jenn Sabuda.



★ Waiting for the Foreign Language Club Meeting to start, Liz King, and Lisa Groot discuss details.



★ Answering questions Japanese teacher, Masako Fugaski explains to students about Japan's culture.

★ Newspaper

"Being around people, listening to music and basically having a fun time" was the way Robert Hudspeth described Journalism. "(But) mostly its a lot of hard work and dedication," responded Joshua Nelson.

It's true it is hard work, long hours, and strenuous deadlines, but according to Dandrew Nannenga, "As long as you keep up on deadlines it's pretty fun."

Although the *Spirit* isn't a top notch professional paper, it gives staffers a "Challenge," said Spirit editor John Lerner.

"This isn't one of those classes you can sit around and do nothing in.

You have to put some effort into it," said Matthew Nelson. Lerner added, "It's (the newspaper) not something that you can slap together it takes some thought."

So, what does one learn in the Journalism class? "I have learned basic writing techniques and that has made me a better writer," answered Hudspeth.

"I have learned an interesting thing, (when I first did a layout), that the pages have to be glued onto the blue sheets first. Then they are sent to the press. I had never known that before," said Matthew.

Basic layout design and story composition aren't the only things that staffers learn. They also learn about themselves. Before Lerner came onto staff as editor he wanted to work in the steel mill, but now

he realizes his career is going to take him into the Air Force. Tonya Fulkerson said that she learned a lot about her attitude, saying "Isn't that what everybody got out of this class."

Attitude was important because the staff dropped from 15 students to just nine in all. This hindered the staff by giving each remaining staffer more responsibility and more work.

"Making the change from first semester to second semester was extremely rough because we started on an issue knowing that the majority of the class wouldn't be there the next semester to finish their work. All in all I felt that it's just one of the many challenges that the staff had to conquer," said Lerner.



★ Crank'n up the tunes, staff artist D. Andrew Nannenga enjoys listening to Metallica as he works on the computers.

★ Contemplating her story, staff writer Nicki Bean works on her story.





✧ Awaiting the Pagemaster program to boot, staff editor John Lerner devises new formats for the paper.

✧ Newspaper: Front row: Matthew Nelson, Robert Hudspeth, Micah Nelson, Janice Armstrong, Courtney Roorda. Row 2: Amy Bickett, Tonya Fulkerson, Angela Thomas, Sam Crawford, Amanda Hoffman, Nicki Bean. Back Row: D. Andrew Nannenga, John Lerner, Joshua Nelson.



✧ Contused, associate business editor Tonya Fulkerson fingers through files.

✧ Laying out page tops, staff writer Matthew Nelson learned numerous journalism techniques during his first year.

★ Higher Learning

Community involvement and service projects were the focus of National Honor Society.

Deemed as the brightest and best, members were required to maintain a 3.7 or above GPA and active membership in at least two clubs or organizations at school. "It's really an utmost honor to be a member of NHS. Simply surrounding myself with such an outstanding group of leaders and achievers helps to make me a better person," replied Janet Boon.

The criteria was met by 26 new NHS members. "I'm very excited about being a new member of the National Honor Society. I worked very hard to get my GPA high enough. I feel a big sense of accomplishment" said Sue Ellyn Jones.

Community activities included Christmas caroling for the elderly at Crestmark Nursing Home, and afterward members were able to go out for dinner. NHS member Beth Strong replied, "Being in National Honor Society has many great rewards, such as getting to go Christmas caroling and the pizza afterward." Also members decorated a car for the Homecoming day parade. School activities focused on tutoring and hosting for the Career Day speakers.

Culmination of the year was the NHS luncheon on April 9 which was postponed from March 12 by the snow storm. Inductees were cleared by Faculty Committee Chairperson Ron McAtee. The luncheon was held at American Reformed Church, entertainment was provided by KV Jazz Band, and the speaker was Dr. Alfred (Skip) Shannon. The program was

run by officers Melissa Miranda, Kati Abbring, Lisa Groet, and Elizabeth King.

At the ceremony there were five different candles on the head table which stood for each of the Society's five principles of Character, Leadership, Service, Scholarship and Knowledge. Five officers lit the candles and after new members received their membership cards, pins, and a candle, the President passed the flame to each member until all the candles were lit.

Senior members received a stole to be worn at Graduation. Senior President Lisa Groet said, "It was an honor to serve as president of an organization that recognizes and applauds students for their academic achievement, good character, and involvement in school activities."



★ Accepting her National Honor Society Senior Stole from Principal Phillip Apple, Helen Hicks knows the honor it will display on Graduation day.

★ Officers: Melissa Miranda-treasurer, Kati Abbring-secretary, Lisa Groet president, and Elizabeth King-vice president.

★ Having lit the candles of knowledge, NHS inductees await the pledge that will govern the rest of their high school lives.



✧ Front Row: Mr. Michael, Kati Abbring, Kendra DeVries, Jill Spurgeon, Nikki Ryan, Jasmine Jones, Janet Boon, Beth Strong. Row 2: Helen Hicks, Laura Norris, Martina Plopper, Tricia Stubblefield, Jennifer Brasel, Sarah Kreischer, Jennifer Trock, Missy Will, Susan Hinde, David Hancock. Back Row: Rosie Kamminga, Elizabeth King, Lisa Groet, Brianne Keiser, Kyle Hamstra, Jeff Boer, John Jungels, Ken Vaughn, Becky Fox, and Erik Cornet.



✧ Front Row: Kelli Zeilinger, Mandi Richards, Jennifer Szabo, Stephanie Krulik, Sandy Koselke, Jasmine Jones, Mick Snyder. Row 2: Mr. Michael, Julie Waddle, Chrissy Thomason, Sue Elyn Jones, Megan Ginzer, Helen Hicks, Bill Guisinger, Kimmy Woods, Jill Spurgeon, Jennifer Spurgeon. Back Row: Aaron Porter, Arian Kramer, Brian Berg, Matt Spurgeon, Carly Hamstra, Jennifer Baird, Corey Cotter, Wes Graper, and Erik Cornet.

✧ Signing the NHS pledge, Sue Elyn Jones acknowledges the hard work her 3.7+ GPA demonstrates to officers Liz King and Kati Abbring.

☆Students Reach Out

Reaching out to others was the goal of Pathfinder and Peer Facilitator members.

Although Peer Facilitators didn't participate in many social projects, it was a helpful group to students. Sponsored by Mrs. Lunde and Mrs. Carey, members helped students who were having serious problems in their lives. Students were helped with such problems as breaking up with their boyfriends or girlfriends, different types of abuse, and problems at home. "It was a good club to have because it gave kids the chance to talk to their peers and not be pressured by adults," said Peer Facilitator member Zach Jesko.

Peer Facilitators not only helped other students, but it also helped its members. Mrs. Lunde said, "It helps develop decision and communication skills because of the train-

ing involved." The 22 members in the club often participated in morning meetings to discuss important club issues. To join the club, it helped to have a teacher recommendation or a recommendation from a student already in Peer Facilitators. It is up to the members to decide how long to stay in the club. They can remain in the club for all four years if they want to.

Pathfinders also taught students important skills. Ten members were sent by Fuel International, a mission organization to go on a trip to Costa Rica. The trip was held from June 19 through July 4. Members participating in the trip raised money through the school and other fund-raisers.

Pathfinders also sponsored the donut breakfast. All students were able to buy a donut and receive it and a beverage at the breakfast. All profits from the breakfast were used to defray costs for students going on the Costa Rica trip.

✧ Sitting back and watching the Pathfinders do their work, Kristen Simms, Shannon DeVries,



✧ Waiting for the crowds, Amy Schultz sets up her donuts.



✧ Serving fellow students at the donut breakfast, Clayton Myers and Mike Bozell participate in the

Pathfinders Costa Rica trip breakfast.

and Danielle McMunn relax at the breakfast.



Peer Facilitators: Front Row: Sara Kreischer, Jones, Vicky Coffey, Amber VanKley, Zach Jeske, Martina Plopper, Dave Hancock, Helen Sarah Bapple, Sara Kennedy, Stacy Recker, Jessica Hicks, Doug Ruehl, Susan Hinde, Sarah Bell, Jen DeYoung, Summer Johnson, April Huckabay, Lisa Groet, Elizabeth King, Row VanKley, Dawn Veld, Brianne Keiser, Sam Z; Jennifer Spurgeon, Ron Carter, Sue Ellyn Crawford.



☆Pathfinders participating in the Costa Rica trip include Front Row: Amy Schultz, Kendra DeVries, Erin Boer, Sponsor Sandi Tiemans. Back

Row: Jill Hamstra, Mike Bozell, Stacy Recker, Angie Ferguson, Jessica Bell, Amanda Mullins, Clayton Myers.

☆ Achieving Academics

For the eleventh time, the Academic Decathlon Team won conference and traveled to state for the eighth straight year. Academic Decathlon Team could have been considered unbeatable, since they remained undefeated for most of the season. However, they came in sixth at the State Competition. Angela Heid and Leila Pollard agreed that the worst part about Academic Decathlon was knowing that one could win or lose by one question. Sue Ellyn Jones said, "The hardest part of the competition was squeezing seven scan-tron tests, two

speeches, and an interview into eight hours at the same school."

At the Academic Superbowl, Social Studies and Fine Arts placed first. Math placed second, and English and Interdisciplinary placed third. Science placed fourth. This was the first time in Academic History that any school has had every-one place in every academic competition.

Improving greatly over past years, the Spellbowl team won the conference competition for the first time. They also came within one word of qualifying for state. Mrs.

Price commented, "This year was our best showing ever."

On the Academic Team. There were five subject area teams. These were English, Social Studies, Math, Science, Fine Arts, and a team to cover all of these topics.

For the Speech Team, tournaments were held on Saturdays from October to April. Competitors participated in any or all tournaments by signing up one week in advance. Speech Team did well at sectionals placing fifth and at regionals placing thirteenth. The team was coached by Mr. Ladd.



☆Wearing her medals proudly, Susan Hinde enjoys her day competing for Academic Team.



☆Left Center: After working hard, the Spellbowl team receives recognition for their first place conference finish.

☆Taking a break, Elizabeth King, Sam Crawford, Susan Hinde, Chrissy Thompson, Tricia Stubblefield, and Becky Fox socialize during an Academic Team competition at Kankakee Valley High School.



✧Holding their cows, the Academic team poses for a picture during the pizza luncheon provided by the school corporation.



✧NEWS FLASH:
Academic SuperBowl, Social Studies makes it to State-May 2

✧Right Center. SPEECH Front Row: Wally Kendall, Joey Knudsen, Tricia Cusack, and Mr. Ladd. Row 2: Kaylynn Myers, Sean Lapsley, Sue Ellyn Jones, and Sandy Koselke. Back Row: Bridget Koorda, Sarah Opolski, and Jesse Talley.

✧ACADEMIC TEAM Front Row: Sam Crawford, Leila Pollard, Angie Heid, John Bell, and Joe Knudsen. Back Row: Wally Kendall, Elizabeth King, Susan Hinde, Dawn Veld, Sue Ellyn Jones, and Sean Lapsley.



✧SPELLBOWL Front Row: April Vankley, Rosie Kamminga, Becky Fox, Sam Crawford, Elizabeth King, Jennifer Penninga, and Mr. Price. Back Row: Mrs. Price, Dave Tackas, Shannon Takaacs, Susan Hinde, Brianne Keiser, Sue Ellyn Jones, Dawn Veld, and Angie Heid.

✧Presenting her speech, Tricia Cusack uses hand gestures to get her point across.

★ Reaching Out

Reaching out to others was the foundation of the Student Council and S.A.D.D. Student Council was led by Dave Hancock, who exclaimed, "I've really enjoyed being in Student Council. Being the President has taken some work, but it's all worthwhile. Never be afraid to try something new!"

Student Council sponsored Turkey Bowling. They also accompanied S.A.D.D. and Pioneerz in organizing Red Ribbon Week in October. "I thought Red Ribbon Week helped students to speak out together against drugs," said Christine Spizzirri.



★ Ready to participate in Turkey Bowling, Emily Bristol is handed her turkey.

★ Trying to help others, Laura Norris donates her blood at the Blood Drive.

Student Council helped out the community by sponsoring a fund raiser for a boy who had become paralyzed after an accident. The fund raiser consisted of fourth hour classes which donated money and constructed paper chains. Winning class was Mrs. Ginzer's fourth hour.

Another way the Council helped the community was by sponsoring blood and food drives. A balloon shaving contest on April 30, and a mock car accident on April 29 reminded students that they should drive safely over Prom weekend.

Other activities that Student Council participated in was State Conven-

tion. Senior member Martina Flopper replied, "Going to the State Convention was tons of fun. We got a lot of new ideas, and met a lot of new people. State Convention also inspired us to strive to become an Honor Council."

Some Council members were able to spend a day at Crown Point High School. Those members consisted of Dave Hancock, Heidi Huckabay, Marissa Green, and Erica Hentschel.

Final jobs for Student Council members saw them escorting the Seniors at Graduation on May 31.





★ **G**iving a powerful throw, Brandon Cutlip tries for a strike.

★ Student Council

Front Row: Dave Hancock, Heidi Huckabay, Crystal Mance. Row 2: Elizabeth King, Sara Kreischer, Martina Plopper, Mick Snyder, Jennifer Spurgeon, Mandi Richards, Jennifer DeYoung

Row 3: Brad Murray, Angie Ferguson, Danielle Murray, Jessica Whitaker, Marissa Green, Summer Johnson, Thomas Barr. Row 4: Tony Fentress, Jill Kaluf, Alicia VanKley, Sarah Kennedy, Erica Hentschil, Mrs. Carey, Bill Wisdom



★ **SADD** Front Row: Brianne Keiser, Lisa Groot and Jessica Bell. Back Row: Sue Ellyn Jones, Dawn Veld, Alicia VanKley, Steph DeKock, Jill Kaluf and Nicole Kamminga, Jen Trock, Mr. Price.

★ **Reaching for a drug-free world.** Student Council member Marissa Green highlights Red Ribbon week.





Sunshine; Three C's

Commitment, companionship, and community involvement were the three C's that dominated the lives of the Sunshine girls. They worked very hard in order to keep their position in the club.

Commitment- Some girls put outstanding effort towards the club. There were many four year members who went above and beyond the call of duty. Many of them hosted the various activities such as club meetings and arranged all the preparations for the annual dance. Senior Sunshine member Kylen Kramer re-

plied, "Sunshine takes a lot of hard work in organizing the dance, and all the various projects. We work hard to make each project a success.

Companionship- Sunshine girls work with their friends and helped each other in any way they could. Most of them joined the club because of the dance. Tia Kubacki said, "The Sunshine Dance is one of the best memories you can have."

Community Involvement- Service projects played a major role here. Some brought in 50 canned goods for the needy while others helped at car washes. Others made Christmas stockings and

helped baby-sit.

The girls also went around the community and sold cheese and sausage to help raise money for various funds that the club would donate later to the community projects. They had to sell at least five items to attend the dance. Still, the Sunshine Dance was one of the major highlights for the club. "One of the best things about Sunshine is doing service projects with friends because we have a lot of fun together and we get to help out people," exclaimed Erin Boer.

That was indeed the principle of the club to help others out.



★ In preparation for the Sunshine Dance, Ashley Rewerts and Brian Culbreth help put up balloons.

★ Making a banner for a Sunshine Activity, Summer Johnson and President Jen Wians help out sponsor Mrs. Pat Price.





★ Looking for their Sunshine orders, the girls wait patiently.

★ Front Row: Nicole Callas, Courtney Koorda, Jennifer Henke, Erica Hentschel, Jessica Schidt, Diane Wright, Lisa Armstrong, Melissa Richardson. Row 2: Katie Cherniak, Becky Weishar, Shannon Tackas, Nichole Haberlin, Tiffany Brubaker, Erin Greenlee, Naura Keiser, Erin Green, Danielle Marlatt. Row 3: Steph Newbury, Anna Tomkatonis, Jennifer Norman, Emily Bristol, Kim Goetz, Brooke Inman, Barrett Belstra, Kristy Carr, Amanda Battista, Marisa Scott. Row 4: Brie Caldwell, Winnetka Molden, Stefanie DeKock, Ashleigh Burger, Rachel Witt, Jill Kaluf, Leah VanderMolen, Alicia VanKley, Mindy Jonkman, Bekah Valenkamph. Row 5: Becky Kovach, Stacy Veldman, Kim Fieldhouse, Jenn Sabuda, Bianca Rinehart, Tia Owens, Brandi Naughton, Jessica Zulaski, Tammy Hardin, Mandy Will. Row 6: Jamie Tidwell, Jessica Owen, Melissa Koorda, Amanda Holluvan, Jodi VanderWoude, Amy VanOruer, Jamie Carter, Liz Wilson, Lindsay Sutton, Amanda Smith.



★ Front row: Sarah Bapple, Christine Spizzirri, Jamie Hamstra, Casey King, Jessica Ramage, Jessica Whitaker, Marissa Green, Jenn DeYoung, Carly Hamstra, Lynn Hanley. Row 2: Amanda Denis, Rachel Hamstra, Lindsey Pendergrass, Jilyan English, Mandi Richards, Danielle Murray, Shayla Foley, Ashley Rewerts, Kristen Kruchowski, Tracy Opolski. Row 3: Esther Boerner, Tia Kubacki, Sarah Acuncius, Michele Navoy, Chelle McKernan, Amy Hendricks, Andrea Wilson, Sara Strong, Gina Stevens, Melissa Trevisol. Row 4: Kelly Burroughs, Angie Kuhns, Kelli Gilbert, Angie Williams, Bridget Koorda, Sandy Koselke, Jennifer Szabo, Melissa Arambula, Tiffany Jones, Erin Boer. Row 5: April Chester, Kathy Gunter, Kathy Pollock, Sarah Kennedy, Natasha Armstrong, Jennie Sherman, Tessa Tilley, Valerie Bahnerth, Jeni Tillemma, Julie Davidson. Row 6: Michelle Bennett, Bridget Barrera, Tasha DeMoss, Karen Ford, Amanda Alberts, Jennifer Koph, Lindsay Musch, Heidi Niketh, Tiffany Lauraitis.

★ Helping decorate for the Sunshine Dance, Dawn Veld and Sue Ellyn Jones prepare carefully.



Idealistic Goals

Friendship, respect, and honor were the focus of the April 2nd Ideal Lady Tea. Around 150 Sunshine girls attended, bringing the total to over 300 ladies. Cosponsor Mrs. Ginzer said, "The Ideal ladies found out who their Sunshine girl was. Some of them already knew, but for many it was a surprise. Most of them exchanged gifts and visited. Also many of the girls' mothers attended because we combined the Ideal Lady Tea and the Mother-Daughter Tea into one evening."

After the ideal ladies discov-

ered the identities of their mysterious Sunshine girls there were many different reactions that they had. "I was pleased to know my detective work had been reliable..... If I had not guessed correctly, my Sunshine girl would have had a very unusual gift," replied Ms. Lunde.

"When my grandma found out that I was her Sunshine girl, she was very excited and had tears of joy, exclaimed sophomore Bridget Barrera.

Junior Megan Ginzer said, "The Ideal Lady Tea was a lot of fun. I think everyone had a good time. It was very convenient for the girls because it was

catered." The dinner was catered by Wilco and the menu consisted of chicken, roast beef, mostacolli, green beans, corn, potato salad, jello salad, relish tray, and rolls. Cake was also served. After the meal they all ventured to the auditorium and watched scenes performed by the drama members for the play "Once Upon A Mattress."

During the Ideal Lady Tea, Sunshine gave Easter lilies to the Ladies and mothers that had attended. Another thing that was available for the girls, their Ideal ladies, and the girls' mothers was for them to get their pictures taken.



★ Performing for the Ideal Lady Tea, Becky Chase plays her role well.

★ Picking up their cheese and sausage orders, Melissa Miranda, Winetka Molden, Lisa Armstrong, and Tasha DeMoss search for their names.





★ Making sure they received the right orders, Scaren DeVries, Jenny Forbes, and Sundae Kubacki go over their Sunshine packets.



★ Junior Sunshine- Front row: Mandy Dinga, Kimmy Woods, Melissa Gott, Tara Howard, Summer Johnson, Stacy Recker, Jill Peterson, Heidi Huckabay. Row 2- Tracy Carr, Crystal Mance, Rachel Sorba, Jen Baird, Vicky Coffey, Melissa Nommensen, Jill Hamstra, Jessica Bell, Amber VanKley. Row 3- Jennifer Penninga, Dawn Veld, Ann VanderMolen, Jan Hamstra, Amanda Mullins, Sara King, Tonya Kulczyk, Megan Ginzer. Row 4- Shannon DeVries, Lauren Novac, Dawn Patrick, Stefanie Woudema, April VanKley, Sue Elynn Jones, Chrissy Thomason, Amanda Wilkins. Row 5- Angie Heid, Sundae Kubacki, Shelley Myers, Angela Thomas, Flavia Leite, Jennifer Spurgeon, Melissa Miranda, Mundy Spenner, Becky Schreiner. Row 6- Melissa Cates, Katie Rohder, Kelly Stamper, Angie Ferguson, Wilhemina Fritz, Danae Bailey, Shannon Zeese, Robin Howard.



★ Senior Sunshine- Front row: Jen Wians, Kylene Kramer. Row 2- Chrissy Rogers, Heidi Bricker, Laura Norris, Sara Kreischer, Teresa Carr, Jessica Holobowski, Becky Fox, Brianne Keiser, Martina Plopper, Jennifer Trock. Row 3- Diane Watson, Jamie Lonsberry, Lisa Groet, Elizabeth King, Janet Boon, Kendra DeVries, Raimie Truman. Forehand, Jill Garvey, Alana Zaremba, Sarah Huckabay. Row 4- Karine Sutton, Missy Will, Jen Musch, Julie Forbes, Escaren DeVries, Jennifer Forbes, Jamie VanWienen, Rebecca Chase, Tricia Stubblefield, Tonya Fulkerson, Tonya Nuss. Row 5- Amee Musch, Jillian Barrera, Susan Hinde, Jennifer Ginzer, Helen Hicks, Becca Hartzler, Kristi Swart, Kati Abbring, Amy Schultz, Nicki Ryan, Kiki Kirkilewski.

★ As part of their performance for the Ideal Lady Tea, Kendra DeVries and Josh Fernandez perform their parts to the play "Once Upon A Mattress."

★ Yearbook

Yearbook was a class where pictures spear headed the development of a 200 page book and hard work and dedication kept 20 staffers devoted to deadlines. "Everybody works," said Mrs. McKinney who oversaw the \$25,000 project.

The idea of coming into such a chaotic environment was a shock for the first year students who had never dealt with anything like it before. When asked what it was like to be a first year student Bridget Roorda replied, "Being a first year student in yearbook is both full of hard work and fun times. At times you feel overwhelmed with all the projects

that you are working on, but in the end it all pays off when you feel a great sense of accomplishment."

Even though there was a lot of hard work and stress involved in yearbook, many staffers felt the need to come back for another year, like Business Manager April Chester. When asked why she decided to come back for another year she said, "I came back because sometimes it's fun, plus you get to do some neat things like write addresses on envelopes."

Yearbook wasn't all work, staff was able to do many activities over the course of the year to help relieve some of

the stress involved with the book. One option for members was going to summer camp, where staffers got a head start on the book. The camp was hosted by Herff Jones at Manchester College during July 29-31. Attendees included Tricia Cusack, John Lerner, Josh Nelson and Angela Thomas.

Another option for staff was attending State Convention at Franklin College in Franklin, IN. The convention was held on October 13-14 where staff members competed in events and went to sessions to help improve their books.

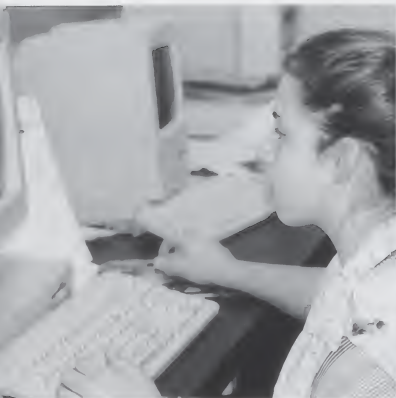
By the end of it there was a total of 454 copies of the 200 page book sold.



★ Sorting through basketball pictures, Rich Ammerman looks for the picture he is seeking while Freshman Dave Cambe comments on quality and variety.

★ Taking lessons from April Chester, Monique Grevenstuk, and Karen Bonnema look to the lap top for answers to a layout question.





★ Working diligently on her yearbook spread, Nichole Haberlin fights to beat a deadline.



★ Helping fellow staff member Barb Merry, Editor Tricia Cusack talks with customers for advertisement sales.

★ **Front Row:** Barb Merry, Rebecca Lambert, Karen Bonnema, Monique Grevenstuk, Bridgette Barrera, Bridget Roorda. **Back Row:** Rich Ammerman, Nichole Haberlin, Jennifer DeYoung, Tiffany Lauraitis, Josh Nelson, Tricia Cusack, Angela Thomas, Sue Ellyn Jones, Tobie Moore, Tonya Fulkerson, Amy Bickett, April Chester, Mandi Richards, Dave Cambe.



★ Checking through academic layouts, Sue Ellyn Jones and Tonya

Fulkerson check for last minute errors.



★ During distributions in early September, Mandi Richards, Bridgette

Barrera, and Tiffany Lauraitis search for the owners of unclaimed yearbooks.



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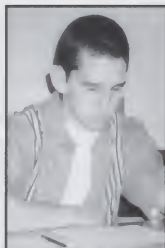
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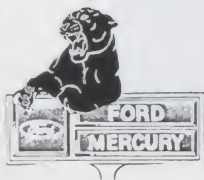


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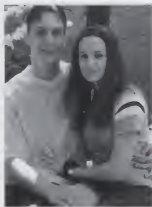
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In memoriam

Roland F. "Rollie" Martin (January 13, 1937- September 3, 1997)

Mr. Martin spent his entire life in education. He was a Social Studies teacher at Kankakee Valley Middle School, and in 1992, became the Middle School Assistant Principal



Grace Wireman

Grace Wireman had 18 years of service with the cafeteria. Grace died on October 16, in the morning at her home.



Stephanie Marie Cochran (November 26, 1979- March 14, 1998)

Stephanie a Senior, was killed in a train accident. Her loss was greatly felt among the students and faculty. Stephanie was greatly appreciated while she was here, she will always live on in our hearts. The following is a poem dedicated to Stephanie by her Parents.

Our Daughter

We hoped and prayed as you grew
That someday you would be
A friend to all and unafraid
And love your only creed.
All that we've hoped you'd be-
Are all the things you are
We know the world must envy us
For "Our bright and shining star."



KLOSING UP



Waiting to get back in the school, Clayton Myers and Lyndsay Lauraitis, talk with freinds during a fire drill.

Working in the FFA greenhouse, Sophomore Steve Molden helps deliver flowers during the plant sale for FFA, which was held on May 5,6,7.



Taking a break during Art class, Bill Wisdom, and Brooke Inman, talk while waiting for the bell to ring.

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Students pull together
To help one another
To Prove It's all in the K

losing Hours

Much has occurred in the course of the year in the school and the world. From the Academics teams sweeping conference in three different teams to the nuclear testings in India and Pakistan.

Seniors had to worry about the fact that they might not get to graduate on time due to the fact the entire Northwest Indiana area was blanketed in a snow storm that cut off power for five days. The storm caused about \$15 million in damage. Through hard work and dedication Seniors made up the five days on Saturday mornings, Good Friday, and Memorial Day, and were able to graduate on time on May 31.

After the blizzard, George Hamstra brought home third place at state for engine repair. Spring sports rallied to capture the all conference standing. Greenlee topped 200 games at KV, and coached a number one ranked baseball team, Kelly Stamper beat a 13 year old regional time with an 11.99 in the - dash.

Record breaking El Nino heat sent teachers and students searching for cool clothes as temperatures reached the 90's with high humidity in early May.

During this period of time many of the students and staff got to know one another better whether it was the physics classes building Projectile projects together with partners, or teachers coaching various things. One element stood out, Kankakee Valley High school, and everything and everyone involved helped make KV stand out and show with school spirit and togetherness it is indeed **all in the K**.



As the crowd screams Lugar, Nichole O'Brian shows her support, along with the rest of the Senior class who welcomed Senator Richard Lugar to Government Day.



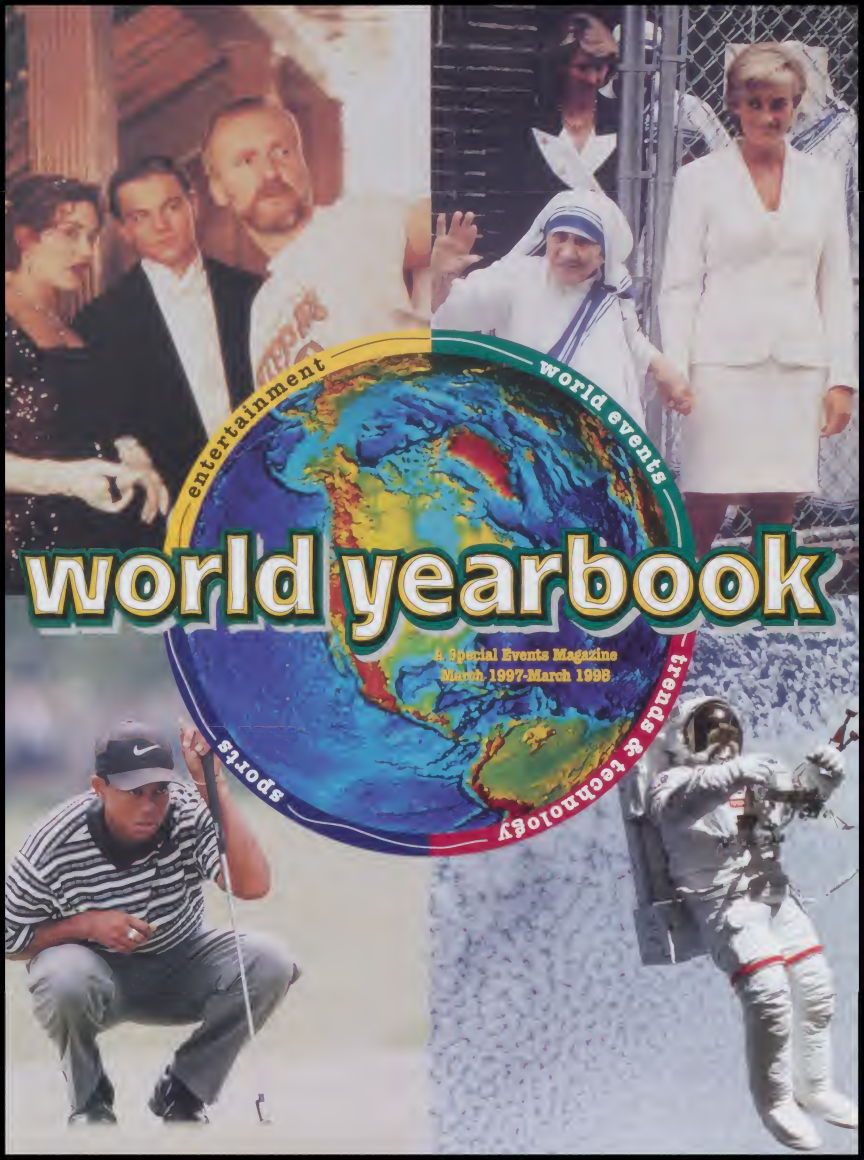
Rallying the crowd, the school mascot, the Cougar, helps keep up school spirit.



Demonstrating it's all in the K, Editor-in-chief Tricia Cusack and Associate editor Angela Thomas point out the K which welcomes everyone to the second floor.



Waiting to be treated after a mock accident, Jen Baird helps local EMT's get the Don't Drink and Drive message out to Prom goers.



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1. Calista Flockhart walked away with a Golden Globe award for her performance in the most talked about show of the season, *Ally McBeal*.

2. Chris Rock stayed busy in 1997 with his new show on HBO - *The Chris Rock Show*, his album *Roll with the New*, stage performances, and his book, *Rock This!* **3. Jerry Seinfeld** announced that his show, television's most popular comedy, will end on May 14, 1998. Fans across the country and co-stars Michael Richards, Jason Alexander, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus prepared for life without *Seinfeld*. **4. Julia Roberts** had a big year in 1997 with *Conspiracy Theory* and *My Best Friend's Wedding*. **5. The Lost World**, the sequel to *Jurassic Park*, was a summer blockbuster grossing an estimated \$229 million. **6. ABC** won viewers' hearts with *Dharma & Greg*, a sitcom about an uptight yuppie and a happy-go-lucky yoga instructor.

7. Kirstie Alley returned to prime time as a lingerie executive in one of the most successful new sitcoms of the season, *Veronica's Closet*. **8.** The true-to-life drama *Party of Five*, starring Neve Campbell, Matthew Fox, Scott Wolf, Lacey Chabert, and Jennifer Love Hewitt, attracted millions of new devotees and increased its ratings by 29%. **9. Michael J. Fox** also returned to

prime time in *Spin City*. He won a Golden Globe for his role as the Deputy Mayor of New York City. **10.** "They work in secret and dress in black." *Men in Black*, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, was one of the most successful films of the summer. The movie's combination of awesome special effects and humor drew people to the box office. **11.** Canadian director James Cameron "sunk" \$200 million dollars into the film *Titanic*. The film won Golden Globes for Best Director and Best Picture and captured 14 Academy Award nominations. In addition to earning awards and nominations, it became the top money making film in history. **12.** Childhood friends Ben Affleck and Matt Damon cowrote the screenplay for *Good Will Hunting*. Their efforts were recognized with a Golden Globe for Best Screenplay and nine Academy Award nominations. **13.** Since the animated show *King of the Hill* debuted in January of 1997, it has consistently been one of television's top 30 shows. Fox's other animated hit, *The Simpsons* became the longest running animated show in television history, surpassing the record previously held by *The Flintstones*. • *Air Force One*, with *Harrison Ford*, was a summer hit

earning \$171 million. Ford also won a People's Choice Award. • Ellen Degeneres' character in her sitcom *Ellen* became the first openly gay series lead in television. • Screenwriter **Kevin Williamson** brought horror back to the movies with *Scream*, its sequel *Scream 2* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. • Disney's stage version of *The Lion King* was one of Broadway's biggest hits. • Talk-show host **Ricki Lake** gave birth to her first child, a son. • Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson starred in the romantic comedy *As Good As It Gets*, which

earned each of them a Golden Globe. The film was also nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards. • Talk show host **Oprah Winfrey** was sued by Texas cattle ranchers, who said that her comments questioning beef safety cost them millions. The jury found Winfrey not liable. • Kim Basinger starred in the '50s Los Angeles crime thriller, *L.A. Confidential*. The movie was nominated for nine Academy Awards. • **Other popular television shows** were *ER*, *The X-Files*, *Touched by an Angel*, *Dawson's Creek*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Frasier*, *Xena, Brooklyn South*, *Just Shoot Me*, *Chicago Hope*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. • **Brandon Tartikoff** died at 48 of Hodgkin's Disease. He

was the NBC executive responsible for shows like *Hill Street Blues*, *Cheers*, *The Cosby Show*, *L.A. Law*, and *Seinfeld*. • Throughout his acting career, **Jimmy Stewart** starred in 79 films including *The Philadelphia Story*, Hitchcock's *Vertigo*, and *Rear Window*. However, his most memorable performance was in the Christmas classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Stewart died at 89. • *We also paid final respects to* actor Chris Farley, explorer and filmmaker Jacques Cousteau, news commentator Charles Kuralt, actor Robert Mitchum, comedian Red Skelton, and actor Lloyd Bridges.



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What were your favorite television shows and movies?



Top 10 Movies for 1997:

1. *Titanic*
2. *Men in Black*
3. *The Lost World*
4. *Liar Liar*
5. *Air Force One*
6. *Star Wars (reissue)*
7. *My Best Friend's Wedding*
8. *Face/Off*
9. *Tomorrow Never Dies*
10. *Batman & Robin*



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A.P.R.F./Shooting Star



Mazzoni/A.P.R.F./Shooting Star



NBC/Shooting Star

1. At the tender age of 16, blues guitarist and singer **Jonny Lang** took his debut song, *Lie to Me*, to number two on the blues chart. 2. Producer, remixer, and rap artist **Sean "Puffy" Combs'** album *No Way Out* sold 561,000 copies in the first week after its release. Six consecutive songs that were either produced or sung by Combs remained at the top of Billboard's rap singles chart for 42 weeks. 3. At the 40th Grammy awards, **Shawn Colvin** walked away with Record of the Year and Song of the Year for *Sunny Came Home*. 4. **Erykah Badu** won a Grammy for Female Rhythm and Blues Vocal performance with her song *On and On*. Her album *Baduizm* won a Grammy for Rhythm and Blues Album. 5. The Florida-based group *Matchbox 20's* debut album, *Yourself or Someone Like You*, sold more than four million copies. 6. **Jamiroquai**, known for its unique sound and lead singer Jay Kay's Suess-inspired hats, won a Grammy for its song *Virtual Insanity*. 7. **Fiona Apple's** debut album *Tidal* brought the 20-year old artist great success and a Grammy. 8. **Garth Brooks** gave a free concert in New York City's Central Park and drew hundreds of thousands of fans. His album *Sevens* sold 3.4 million copies between Thanksgiving and New Years. 9. **Fleetwood Mac** released its first new album, *The Dance*, in a decade. The album debuted at the top of the charts and the band grossed more than \$36 million on tour. The group was also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame along with the *Eagles*, the *Mamas*

and the *Papas*, *Santana*, *Lloyd Price*, *Gene Vincent*, *Allen Toussaint*, and *Jelly Roll Morton*. 10. From America's heartland came **Hanson**, three brothers from Tulsa, Oklahoma. With Isaac, 16, on guitar, Taylor, 13, on keyboards and Zachary, 11, on drums, the group received an enthusiastic reception from teens. Their first album, *Middle of Nowhere*, hit the top 10, and the single *MMMBop* went to number one in the U.S. and Europe. 11. **LeAnn Rimes'** *Blue* was the best-selling debut album ever by a female country artist. While the double-platinum *You Light Up My Life* topped the pop and country charts, the 15-year old was busy writing an autobiographical novel, starring in a TV movie, and doing ads for Samsung and KFC. 12. The British quintet, *The Spice Girls*, took the world by storm with their hit single *Wannabe!*, their book *Girl Power*, and the movie *Spiceworld*. 13. **Jakob Dylan** and the *Wallflowers* had huge hits with the album *Bringing Down the Horse* and the single *One Headlight*. • Jakob's father, **Bob Dylan**, survived a serious heart ailment to release *Time Out of Mind*. The album was widely praised by critics and



Sunny Bak/Shooting Star

received a Grammy for Album of the Year. • **Elton John** sang goodbye to Princess Diana at her funeral with his tribute *Candle in the Wind 1997*. The recording became the fastest selling single in history. The singer said that he would never perform the song again, unless it was at the request of Diana's sons. • Michael Jackson's son, **Prince Michael Jackson, Jr.** was born and has already earned \$2 million for appearing on the cover of a British tabloid.

• Canadian music legend **Joni Mitchell** was reunited with the daughter she gave up for adoption in 1965. After a lengthy search, private investigators helped the pair find one another. • Canadian **Sarah McLachlan** had a hit single, *Building a Mystery*, but her biggest accomplishment was putting together the *Lilith Fair Tour*. Lilith Fair was an all female rock tour that included artists Sheryl Crow,

the Cardigans, Fiona Apple, Jewel, Tracy Chapman, Shawn Colvin, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Indigo Girls, Suzanne Vega, Paula Cole, Lisa Loeb, and Joan Osborne. The tour was so popular it upstaged even the hippest of tours like Lollapalooza and H.O.R.D.E. • **Bill Berry**, drummer for REM, retired after 17 years with the band. Berry suffered a brain aneurysm while on tour in 1995.

• Rap artist and actor **Will Smith** took home his third Grammy for *Men in Black*. • While on tour in Sydney, Australia, **U2** loaned its cargo plane to the people of Auckland, New Zealand. The city had been without power for almost two weeks and needed generators. The use of U2's plane allowed needed generators to be flown in to restore power to millions of people. • **The Verve's** album *Urban Hymns* jumped 34 spots on the charts after the song *Bitter Sweet Symphony* was used in a 60-second Nike ad. The band donated its profits to the British Red Cross Land Mine Appeal and the N.C.H. Action for Children "House our Youth 2000" campaign. • While the movie *Titanic* dominated the box office, its soundtrack dominated the music charts as well.

• **Celine Dion** performed on the *Titanic* soundtrack and had a hit of her own with *Let's Talk About Love*. • **Madonna's** album *Ray of Light* was "immersed in spirituality and self-discovery." • **Other popular musicians included** Paula Cole, Duncan Sheik, Verve Pipe, Shania Twain, Beck, Oasis, Sugar Ray, Trisha Yearwood, Mighty Mighty Bosstones,

OMC, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Chumbawamba, Everclear, Ben Folds Five, Sublime, Lila McCann, Ty Herndon, Bryan White, Jars of Clay, George Strait, Save Ferris, Abra Moore, and Radiohead. • **The music industry lost** INXS singer Michael Hutchence, rap artist Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace), singer, songwriter, and environmentalist John Denver, and Beach Boy Carl Wilson.

Who were your favorite musicians?



- Top 10 Albums for 1997:**
1. *Spice (Spice Girls)*
 2. *Pieces of You (Jewel)*
 3. *No Way Out (Puff Daddy)*
 4. *Sevens (Garth Brooks)*
 5. *Middle of Nowhere (Hanson)*
 6. *Life after Death (The Notorious B.I.G.)*
 7. *Bringing Down the Horse (The Wallflowers)*
 8. *Falling Into You (Celine Dion)*
 9. *Space Jam (Soundtrack)*
 10. *You Light Up My Life (LeAnn Rimes)*



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Murphy/Wallflowers/Shooting Star



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P. Address/APR/F/Shooting Star



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A. Summa/Gamma Liaison



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Michael Schwarz/Gamma Liaison



Les Stros/Sigma



Jim Bourg/Sigma/Kamma Liaison



Sigma



David Hiltner/Kamma Liaison

1. After a long standoff with Amaru guerrillas, Peru's *President Alberto Fujimori* gave the order to Peruvian forces to storm the embassy residence where 72 hostages were being held. All of the guerrillas were killed and 71 of the hostages were rescued. 2. *Louise Woodward*, a 19-year old British au pair, was convicted of murdering an eight month old baby in her care. However, citing an absence of malice, the judge reduced the second-degree murder conviction to manslaughter and her sentence to time served. 3. Former president *George Bush* took up skydiving at the age of 72. He had jumped from a disabled plane in World War II and had vowed that one day he would do it again for fun. 4. *Etienne Bacrot*, 14, started playing chess when he was four. He became the world's youngest chess grandmaster ever, beating Canadian grandmaster Kevin Spraggett, 42. 5. *Mother Teresa* died at the age of 87, leaving behind a legacy of love and compassion for the poor. She also left behind more than 4,000 nuns pledged to continue the order she founded. 6. In April, heavy spring snows raised the *Red River* in Grand Forks, North Dakota flooding the town, causing 50,000 residents to evacuate and destroying

homes and cars in its path. 7. Special Prosecutor *Kenneth Starr* began investigating the Clintons for their involvement in the Whitewater land development company in Arkansas. Later, Starr became the key prosecutor in President Clinton's alleged relationship with a former White House intern. Starr was investigating whether the President had coerced Monica Lewinsky into lying about the nature of their relationship. Even as accusations rocked the White House, the president's approval ratings were his highest ever. 8. The Heaven's Gate cult committed suicide with the belief that their souls would be picked up by a spaceship hidden in the tail of the Hale-Bopp comet. Cult leader *Marshall Applewhite* was among the 39 dead. 9. The men's religious group, *Promise Keepers*, brought hundreds of thousands of men together in Washington D.C. to pledge their devotion to Jesus, family and one another. 10. At Ohio State University, Secretary of State *Madeleine Albright* tried to make a case for U.S. military action against Iraq. During the meeting, Albright was continually interrupted by protests from the audience. 11. When the Teamster's union went on strike at United Parcel Service, the nation's leading package-delivery company, millions of

world events



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packages were delayed or lost. Labor Secretary **Alexis Herman** kept UPS and the Teamsters at the bargaining table and the strike ended after two weeks. **12. Bill and Hillary Clinton** faced an empty nest as daughter **Chelsea** went away to college at Stanford. Mrs. Clinton also marked another milestone by celebrating her 50th birthday. **13. Bobbi McCaughey**, from Carlisle, Iowa, gave birth to septuplets. The babies ranged in size

from 2lbs., 5 oz to 3 lbs., 4 oz. It is estimated the McCaughey's will change more than 15,000 diapers this year. • The



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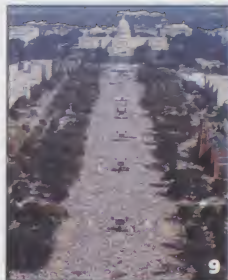
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diet drugs **fen-phen** and **Redux** were removed from the market after the Food and Drug Administration discovered the medications caused serious heart problems. • **Ted Turner** donated \$1 billion to the United Nations, while encouraging others to contribute to charitable causes. Financier George Soros pledged \$500 million to Russia for health, education, and welfare while Bill Gates pledged \$200 million to bring the Internet to low-income libraries.

• **Earthquakes in Italy** left 11 people dead and thousands homeless. • UNICEF estimated that 80,000 children were starving in the **North Korean famine**. • **Captain Craig Button's** A-10 plane mysteriously disappeared after he suddenly broke a three-plane formation over Arizona and headed toward Colorado. The jet was found crashed near Eagle, Colorado with Button's remains inside. The four 500-pound bombs that were on the jet have not been recovered. • **First Lieutenant Kelly Flinn**, the first woman to pilot a B-52, was given a general discharge from the Air Force for lack of integrity and disobedience to orders. Her career ended over an alleged affair with the husband of an Air Force airman. • **Timothy McVeigh** was convicted of the Oklahoma City bombing and sentenced to death. • **Terry Nichols**, also arrested for the April 19, 1995 bombing was convicted of conspiracy and manslaughter. He was acquitted of murder and weapons charges. • **Ted Kaczynski** pled guilty to being the Unabomber in



exchange for a sentence of life in prison without parole. Kaczynski waged a 17-year anti-technology bombing campaign that included a string of 16 bombings. Three people were killed and 29 injured.



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What was the most significant event to you?



Top 10 Most Significant Events for 1997:

1. Princess Diana's death
2. Mother Teresa's death
3. Hale-Bopp Comet
4. Mars exploration
5. Hong Kong reverting to Chinese control
6. El Niño
7. Flood in North Dakota
8. The victory of Britain's Labour party
9. The birth of septuplets in Iowa
10. UPS strike



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1. On August 31, 1997 Princess Diana was killed in a tragic car accident leaving the world mourning and questioning the carelessness of a driver and the persistence of the paparazzi. 2. Hong Kong returned to Chinese control after 156 years as a British colony. Consequently, concerns were raised as to whether communism would diminish Hong Kong's political freedom. 3. Tony Blair, 44, became the youngest British prime minister in 185 years. 4. California endured the worst of *El Niño*'s erratic weather patterns. Heavy rain and high winds triggered floods and mudslides. 5. Karla Faye Tucker became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and the first nationwide since 1984. She was executed for killing two people in Houston in 1983.



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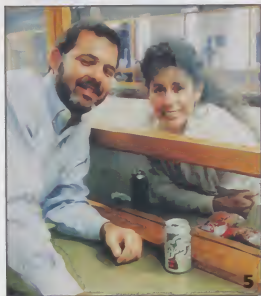
6. Congressman **Sonny Bono** died in a skiing accident. Before turning to politics, Bono achieved fame as a songwriter, entertainer, and half of the duo **Sonny and Cher**. • **A bomb in an abortion clinic** in Birmingham, Alabama left an off-duty police officer dead and a nurse critically wounded. • The Peabody Award for broadcasting excellence was awarded to author and journalist **Peter Gzowski**. This was the first time a Canadian had received the prestigious American award for work in Canada. • **Susie Maroney** of Australia became the first woman to swim from Cuba to Florida. It took her 24 1/2 hours to complete the 112 mile stretch. • The threat of war in the middle east was again

a concern as Saddam Hussein failed to comply with U.N. weapons regulations. However, the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to endorse a deal negotiated by **Secretary-General Kofi Annan** that provided U.N. inspectors unrestricted access to all weapons sites. • In West Paducah, Kentucky, **Michael Carneal**, a high school freshman, opened fire on a group of students gathered for a prayer service at Heath High School. Three girls were killed and five other students wounded. • A U.S. Marine jet sliced through a **cable car line** at an Italian ski resort killing 20 people. • The U.S. Department of



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Johnny Starr/Gamma Liaison

Agriculture recalled 25 million pounds of possibly **tainted beef** after an outbreak of the E. Coli virus. • In Pearl, Mississippi, **Luke Woodham**, 16, stabbed his mother to death and then went to school with a rifle and opened fire. Woodham killed two of his classmates and wounded seven others. • **We paid final respects** to writer William S. Burroughs, Malcolm X's widow Betty Shabazz, artist Willem De Kooning, poet Allen Ginsberg, Ambassador to France Pamela Harriman, Michael Kennedy, and politician Paul Tsongas.

sports



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Chip Casati/Allsport



Matthew Stockman/Allsport

1. **Martina Hingis** captured the U.S. Open tennis tournament. Hingis had a remarkable year with a record of 75-5. She won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments and became the first player to earn more than \$3 million in a season. 2. Figure skater **Scott Hamilton**, 39, left the *Stars on Ice* tour in March of 1997 to undergo chemotherapy for testicular cancer. But, on October 29, he returned to the ice and a cheering crowd. His prognosis is for a full recovery. 3. In college football, the University of Michigan and the University of Nebraska shared the national championship. Michigan's **Charles Woodson** became the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy. 4. Sports broadcaster, **Harry Caray** voice of the Chicago Cubs, died at the age of 77. 5. After several attempts, two U.S. women's professional basketball leagues were finally unveiled in 1997 - the ABL and the WNBA. **Sheryl Swoopes**, 26, who led the 1996 Olympic team to a gold medal, signed with the WNBA's Houston Comets. 6. **Violet Palmer** and **Dee Kantner** became the NBA's first female referees. In their rookie season, both will earn \$80,000. 7. **The Detroit**

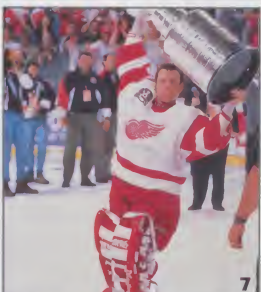
Red Wings defeated the Philadelphia Flyers to win their eighth Stanley Cup. 8. In 1997, **Jeff Gordon** won 10 races, took home \$4.2 million in prize money, and captured his second Winston Cup Championship in three years. 9. At age 21, **Tiger Woods** outplayed his opponents to win the Masters with a record 13-stroke margin. Woods finished the 1997 season as the game's leading money winner, taking home more than two million dollars and was named PGA Player of the Year. Tiger's father, Earl Woods, first put a golf club in his son's hands when Tiger was only 11 months old. 10. Super Bowl XXXII had excitement for fans of both teams right down to the final seconds. The AFC Champion Denver Broncos, led by quarterback **John Elway**, beat the NFL's Green Bay Packers, 31-24. Elway finally won his first Super Bowl ring after several losses. 11. In the World Series, Moises Alou led the **Florida Marlins** to victory over the Cleveland Indians with three homers and nine RBIs. Only in their fifth year, the Marlins reached the World Series faster than any expansion team in history. 12. In **Mike Tyson's** and **Evander Holyfield's** boxing rematch, Tyson bit off a piece of Holyfield's right



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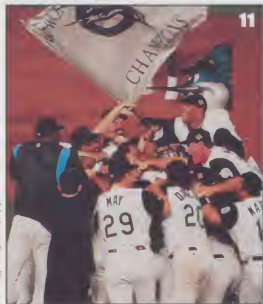
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Richard Mackson/Sports Illustrated



John Larson/Sports Illustrated

Braves pitcher **Greg Maddux** signed a contract extension for \$57.5 million which made him the highest-paid player in baseball. • Major league baseball celebrated the 50th anniversary of **Jackie Robinson's** efforts to integrate baseball. In Robinson's honor, his number "42" was retired from all team rosters. • **Pete Sampras** dominated at Wimbledon to win it for the fourth time in five years. • Also at Wimbledon, three-time champion **Boris Becker** stunned the world by announcing his retirement from tennis. • In her debut at the U.S. Open, 17-year old **Venus Williams** became the first unseeded woman to advance to the finals. • The **Arthur Ashe Stadium** opened in Flushing, New York in August with a parade of 45 tennis champions



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including Chris Evert and John McEnroe. • **Michael Johnson** ran the 400 meter race in 44.12 seconds to win his third consecutive world championship in track and field. • After 20 years of trying, **Dale Earnhardt** won the Daytona 500. A lucky penny was given to him before the race from a five year old girl permanently confined to a wheelchair. The Make-A-Wish foundation granted her request to see the Daytona 500 and meet Earnhardt. • **Jockey Gary Stevens**, riding Silver Charm, captured his third Kentucky Derby. • **We paid final respects** to golf legend Ben Hogan, baseball center fielder Curt Flood, and jockey Eddie Arcaro.



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Who were your favorite sports personalities?



Top 10 Performers in 1997:

1. John Elway
2. Sheryl Swoops
3. Tiger Woods
4. Martina Hingis
5. Jeff Gordon
6. Michael Jordan
7. Tara Lipinski
8. Venus Williams
9. Moises Alou
10. Vladimir Konstantinov



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Mike Powell/Allsport

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winter olympics

1. The opening ceremony of the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan combined the traditions of the past and the technology of the present. Sumo wrestlers ward off evil spirits while choirs on five continents performed Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" simultaneously.

2. U.S. skier *Picabo Street* won the gold medal in the Women's Super-G. She edged Michaela Dorfmeister of Austria by one-hundredth of a second.

3. *Tara Lipinski*, at 15, became the youngest Olympic women's figure skating champion ever by outscoring fellow American Michelle Kwan. Lipinski took the gold medal, Kwan the silver, and Lu Chen of China won the bronze.

4. The United States men's teams captured the first American luge medals in Olympic history. The two teams won the silver and bronze in the luge doubles.



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5. Despite injuries and the flu, Canadian *Elvis Stojko* won the silver medal in men's figure skating. *Ilya Kulik* of Russia won the gold medal, while *Phillippe Candeloro* of France won the bronze. 6. The U.S. women's hockey team defeated Canada and won the gold medal to capture the first Olympic women's hockey title. Canada took home the silver and Finland the bronze. The U.S. team also appeared on the March Wheaties box. • The Czech Republic captured its first hockey gold medal when it defeated Russia 1-0. The bronze medal went to Finland. • Canadians *Catrina LeMay-Doan* and *Susan Auch* dominated women's speedskating by winning the gold and the silver medals in the 500 meter race.

• Canada also did well in the men's speedskating. In the 500 meter race, *Jeremy Wotherspoon* won the silver medal and *Kevin Overland* took the bronze. • U.S. athletes won three gold medals in freestyle skiing. *Eric Bergoust* won gold in the men's aerials while *Nikki Stone* took the gold in women's aerials. *Johnny Moseley* won gold in the men's moguls. • After two days of competition and four heats, Canada and Italy tied for the gold medal in the men's two-man bobsled competition. This was the first time that two teams shared the gold medal in this event. • In the end, the United States brought home 13 medals and Canada 15. But, it was Germany with a medal count of 29 that topped the list. Norway was not far behind with 25 medals, and Russia won 18. Women accounted for eight of the 13 U.S. medals. • *Nagano's closing ceremony* included a backdrop of 50,000 illuminated handheld lanterns and a thank you to the world for allowing it to be the host of the final Winter Olympics of the 20th century. The captain of the U.S. women's hockey team, *Cammie Granato*, carried the American flag at the ceremony.



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1. Italian fashion designer **Gianni Versace** was gunned down in front of his Miami home by alleged serial killer Andrew Cunanan. Cunanan later took his own life as police closed in after an extensive manhunt. 2. *Time* magazine selected **Andrew Grove**, chairman and CEO of Intel, as its 1997 Man of the Year. He was the person most responsible for the astounding "growth in the power and innovative potential of microchips." 3. In an effort to save Apple, cofounder Steve Jobs struck a deal with its number one competitor, Microsoft. The agreement gave Jobs some time to rescue the company, while the Microsoft Chairman, **Bill Gates**, became part owner of Apple after buying \$150 million in stock. 4. **Tamagotchi** gave kids a taste of responsibility. Much like the real thing, these virtual reality pets needed everything from attention, to food, to sleep. Without this care, the pets would misbehave, get fat, or even expire. 5. **Hot Wheels** released its "miniature" version of the Sojourner Mars Rover, complete with Pathfinder spacecraft and

lander. Kids and toy collectors sent sales soaring. 6. With increased reading awareness on television due in large part to Oprah Winfrey's book club, and the rise of espresso-serving bookstores, Americans experienced a kind of **reading renaissance**. 7. People magazine released its first issue of **Teen People**, with *Party of Five*'s Jennifer Love Hewitt on the cover. The first issue included articles about what's hot in fashion, a behind the scenes look at the music group Hanson, and photo flashbacks of Brad Pitt. 8. **Beanie babies** sent children and parents running to the toy store. These cuddly little creatures were must-haves for kids of all ages. Retired beanies, like Peanut the Elephant, increased enormously in value. 9. The **Hale-Bopp Comet** returned to view 4,200 years after its last visit. In many areas, the comet was visible with the naked eye. The comet's next appearance should be in the year 4397. 10. In a re-match in May, IBM's chess playing machine, Deep Blue, defeated world champion Russian **Garry Kasparov**. 11. **Retro 70s trends**



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brought back bell-bottoms, platform shoes, butterfly collars, and an array of other styles that sent teens into a fashion era that used to be associated with their parents.

12. In 1997, **Tommy Hilfiger** opened his first megastore on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, California and published *All American: A Style Book*. His primary-colored, patriotic-themed sportswear was popular with teens. • The "soul patch" became the latest fashion statement in facial hair. It could be worn with or without a mustache and was popular

among teens and movie stars like Keanu Reeves and Josh Brolin. • **Riverdance**, based on traditional Irish step dancing, played to packed houses in the United States and Australia. Its soundtrack stayed on the Billboard's World Music charts for more than a year. • **Barbie** received a make-over that included a breast reduction and a more realistic waistline. • The Federal Communications Commission cleared the way for **high-definition digital television**, giving audiences a sharper image and CD quality sound. • **America Online** took over CompuServe's 2.6 million members to make AOL number one in the online industry. On a typical day AOL subscribers logged on 16.7 million times. • In a *Newsweek* Poll, 89% of **teens used computers** at least several times a week.

What were the trends & technology stories in your area?



1997 Trends:

1. Beanie Babies
2. Tamagotchi Virtual Pets
3. Retro 70s fashion and the return of disco
4. Tommy Hilfiger clothes
5. Riverdance
6. Surfing the net
7. Cloning
8. The soul patch
9. Oprah's Book Club
10. Home electronic games



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1. The beleaguered *Russian Space Station Mir* had a difficult year as one catastrophe after another occurred. American astronaut Michael Foale calmly handled a series of potentially life-threatening problems during his stay on Mir. At one point the station collided with an out-of-control resupply ship. Russians and Americans waited anxiously as Foale and the Russian crew struggled to stabilize the station and repair the damage. 2. *John Glenn*, the first American to orbit the earth in 1962, is going back into space October of 1998. At 76, his 10-day mission will help in the study of the common effects of aging and space travel. 3. NASA's two-foot-by-one foot, \$25 million rover *Sojourner* became the first vehicle to roam the surface of another planet. Sojourner sent back detailed landscape photos of Mars, some 100 million miles from Earth. The three foot tall *Pathfinder* carried the robot car to Mars.



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• June marked the 50th anniversary of the alleged crash in 1947 of a flying saucer near *Roswell*, New Mexico. Due to all the hype, Roswell became known as the capital of America's alien nation. • When the shuttle *Columbia* takes off in December 1998, *Eileen Collins* will become the first woman to lead a U.S. space mission. Collins, the nation's first female space shuttle pilot, has flown two previous shuttle missions, one in 1995 and the other in 1997. • The winner of the 1998 Westinghouse Science Talent Search and a \$40,000 scholarship was *Christopher Colin Mihelich*, a 17-year old from Indianapolis. For his project, Mihelich studied certain properties of polynomials that have applications to geometry and combinatorics.



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the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased in the UK, and the number of people with a mental health problem who are in contact with mental health services has increased (Mental Health Act 1983, 1993).

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the lives of people with a mental health problem, and to ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the development of new services, the improvement of existing services, and the development of new ways of working. The aim of this paper is to describe the development of a new service, the 'Mental Health Support Unit', and to discuss the challenges that have been faced in its development.

The 'Mental Health Support Unit' is a new service that has been developed to provide support to people with a mental health problem. It is a multi-disciplinary team, consisting of a range of professionals, including nurses, social workers, and psychologists. The unit provides a range of services, including assessment, treatment, and support. The unit is based in a community setting, and aims to provide a range of services that are tailored to the needs of the local population.

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